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U.S. OWES INDIA \$216 BN AS ITS DEBT SOARS TO \$28 TRILLION

Republicans opposing Biden's \$1.9 tn Covid relief package warned it would worsen the country's debt-to-GDP ratio

BORROWING FROM NOT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES

On a day the House of Representatives approved the package in a 219-212 near party-line vote, Republican Senator Alex Mooney said US will have to borrow more to fund the stimulus from countries that aren't friends. The biggest creditors are Japan and China, whom the US owes \$1 trillion each. The \$29 trillion debt means the US has borrowed \$84,000 per citizen | P12

DEBT DOUBLED DURING OBAMA YEARS

Mooney said the national debt doubled during Barack Obama's tenure and added \$10,000 per citizen in the past one year alone. The relief package aims to tackle the economic fallout from the pandemic, including direct financial aid to average Americans, support to businesses and boost the national vaccination drive

\$104 tn

ESTIMATED ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL DEBT BY 2050

Vaccine at private hospitals to cost ₹250

Initially, 20K facilities will get Covishield alone; list of 20 comorbidities finalised

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA
@New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Saturday fixed the cost of Covid-19 vaccines, set to be offered to those above 60 years and people over 45 years with specified comorbidities, at ₹250 per shot in private hospitals and also finalised a list of 20 underlying conditions, or comorbidities.

Top sources in the ministry also said that in the beginning, only Covishield, developed by Oxford University-AstraZeneca, will be made available in about 20,000 private hospitals where the expanded Covid-19 vaccination drive is set to begin.

The list of comorbidities includes those having diabetes for over 10 years or with complications and hypertension. Also, people diagnosed with solid cancer since July last year, lymphoma, blood cancer or myeloma, those with HIV and acid attack survivors with involvement of the respiratory system will be eligible.

As per the agreement between the manufacturers, representatives of private hospitals and the government, the vaccine makers will get ₹150 per jab while hospitals will earn ₹100 per shot for every dose of the vaccine administered. "States have been explained that the private hospitals functioning as Covid vaccination centres can be

subject to a ceiling of ₹250 per person per dose along with the electronic and financial management mechanism in this regard," the ministry said in a statement.

Around 10,000 private hospitals empanelled under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, nearly 687 hospitals empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme and other private hospitals empanelled under state health insurance schemes can participate in the vaccination drive, it added.

The price of the vaccines was fixed after several rounds of meetings between government officials, led by V K Paul, member (health) Niti Aayog, who heads the National Expert Group on Covid-19 Vaccine Administration, and representatives of the two vaccine manufacturers, Bharat Biotech and the Serum Institute of India.

The price for each dose of the vaccine for individuals will be less than the price at which the government had procured the vaccines in the first and second phases of the vaccination drive for healthcare and front-line workers.

The Centre had paid ₹200 per dose for Covishield by Serum Institute of India and ₹295 per dose for Covaxin by Bharat Biotech, excluding taxes, when it had procured 110 million and 55 million doses of the two vaccines, respectively last month.

There are two reasons why only Covishield would be available in private hospitals in the beginning. First, Bharat Biotech's Covaxin has supply issues. Secondly, people have greater faith in Covishield

Officials



State	Vaccine availability
Karnataka	Covishield
Kerala	Covishield
Tamil Nadu	Covishield, Covaxin
Telangana	Covishield, Covaxin
Andhra Pradesh	Covishield, Covaxin
Odisha	Covishield, Covaxin

Current prolonged use of oral corticosteroids/immunosuppressants
De-compensated cirrhosis
Severe respiratory disease with hospitalisation in last two years
Lymphoma/leukaemia/myeloma
Diagnosis of any solid cancer or after July 1, 2020 or currently on cancer therapy
Sickle cell disease/bone marrow failure/aplastic anaemia/thalassemia major
Primary immunodeficiency diseases/HIV infection
Disabilities due to intellectual disabilities/muscular dystrophy/acid attack with involvement of respiratory system/ persons with disabilities having high support needs/multiple disabilities

Comorbidities for determining eligibility

Heart failure with hospital admission in past one year
Post cardiac transplant/ left ventricular assist device
Significant left ventricular systolic dysfunction
Moderate or severe valvular heart disease
Coronary artery disease with past CABG/PTCA/MI and hypertension/diabetes on treatment
CT/MRI documented stroke and hypertension/diabetes on treatment
Angina and hypertension/diabetes on treatment
Diabetes (>10 years or with complications) and hypertension on treatment
Post cardiac transplant/ left ventricular assist device
End-stage kidney disease on haemodialysis/CAPD

States in a fix as Centre scrambles to finalise last-minute jab details

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

WHILE the Covid-19 vaccination drive is entering the next phase on Monday to cover everyone above 60 years and those above 45 years with co-morbidities, states are still grappling with basic details.

According to sources, many states are in the dark about how many doses, or which vaccine, will they receive.

Officials in the Union health ministry said talks are on with Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech to gauge the available stock of vaccine vials

that can be immediately dispatched to states.

An estimated 12 crore people come under this vulnerable group, of which 11 crore are people older than 60 years.

Sources added that while the government has fixed a price of ₹150 per dose for vaccine makers in private hospitals, manufacturers are not happy.

"The issue during the price negotiation was that how can the price of the vaccine in private hospitals be lower than the rate at which the Central government had procured it earlier for the first phase of vac-

nation," said an official. "The companies were very reluctant to accept the price," the source added.

Officials in a few states, meanwhile, said they need additional doses at least a day before the next phase starts but there is no clarity on when and how much will arrive.

"We do not want a situation where entitled beneficiaries queue up for vaccines at a health facility and we have to tell them that enough vaccines are not available," said a health department official from West Bengal.

Delhi judge who gave Disha bail gets threats

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

SOON after activist Disha Ravi was granted bail in the toolkit case, a section of social media users targeted additional sessions judge Dharmendra Rana for making observations critical of the government. Rana's is not an isolated case of a judge facing online abuse and threat after delivering a verdict. This was highlighted by Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad in Patna on Saturday when he said a 'disturbing trend' of activists criticising judges for unfavourable verdicts had started.

While stating that criticism of judgments in good faith is healthy for democracy, legal experts suggested

punitive action against those transgressing the 'criticism the judgment, not the judge' dictum.

Senior Supreme Court advocate Sanjay Hegde said: "Most of the ill-informed criticism of Judge Rana is due to a sentence, saying sedition cannot be used to minister the wounded vanity of governments. That sentence is a quote from a British judge,

ruling in favour of an Indian citizen against the colonial government of pre-independence India. Most ill-informed criticism can and must be shrugged off, but if there is anything particularly vicious, the High Court must take preventive or punitive steps at an appropriate time." P10



Tiger count in October with focus on zero error

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE keenly awaited tiger census will be conducted from October, most probably after the monsoon season, and the data will be directly uploaded online to ensure minimal or zero error. That is not all. Karnataka will also take the lead among the southern states in data collection, assessment and assistance, as it houses the second largest tiger population in India.

As per the 2018 census report, of the 2,967 tigers in India, Karnataka was home to 524 tigers, slipping to second position, while Madhya Pradesh had 526. Karnataka had then added 112 tigers compared to the previous count.

For the upcoming census, training for the staffers and trainers will start from March, after which others will be trained. Like the previous exercise, the census will be conducted in tiger reserves and also other areas where tiger presence is reported. Volunteers will be roped in, just like previous occasions. P7

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EXPRESS READ

Counter-terrorism ops in J&K to continue: Army

Udhampur /Kupwara: Two top Army commanders on Saturday said the ceasefire between India and Pakistan will have no bearing on counter-terrorism operations and the force will exercise "maximum restraint" if there is any violation.

US House approves \$1.9-trillion Covid bill

Washington: The House of Representatives approved a \$1.9-trillion pandemic relief bill that was championed by President Joe Biden, the first step in providing another dose of aid to the nation as the measure now moves to a tense Senate. P11



Now, buy Channapatna toys, Bidri ware online

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FROM the famed Channapatna toys of Ramanagara district to the popular Bidri ware from Bidar, over 100 handicraft items will now be available under the Cauvery brand name on e-commerce platforms. The Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation (KSHDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Flipkart and is planning to have a tie-up with Amazon too.

Carved wooden frames,

wall hangings, sandalwood pieces, Bidri works, wooden toys from Channapatna, brass and bronze showpieces including small idols, cotton rugs, rosewood and sandalwood products will be available under the Cauvery Handicrafts brand on Flipkart.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, IGP and Managing Director of KSHDC, D Roopa, said the MoU was signed a few days ago. "Initially, we added 50 items. But after seeing the sales, we added another 50 items recently." P4

Why not use Azad's services to unite Cong, ask dissenters

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

IN a show of strength, Congress dissenters, termed G23, said the party had weakened in the past decade and vowed to work for strengthening it.

"We have assembled here and had also gathered earlier and we will unitedly strengthen the party," senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal said while addressing the Shanti Sammelan in Jammu on Saturday.

Besides Sibal, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Raj Babbar, Manish Tewari and Vivek Tankha addressed the sammelan, the first coming together of the dissident Congress leaders at a single platform. Not happy with the party for not accommodating Azad in some capacity Sibal said, "When we felt they were freeing Azad from Parliament, we felt very bad. We felt he should not be freed from Parliament. He is a very senior party leader and I don't I don't understand why Congress is not utilizing the services of the experienced Azad."

Azad, who arrived in Jammu on Friday after retiring from the Rajya Sabha, said with Gandhi's ideology, they would fight the new struggle. "We will carry forward his ideology and self service of Gandhi will remain with us."

HEAT IS ON

The cops who sold a seized Jaguar

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

TWO keepers of the law seem to have given skulduggery a new dimension. Drawn by the prospect of making some big bucks, they quietly sold off a luxury car which was seized in connection with a fraud case. But wait! The long arm of the law did catch up with them too.

Deputy Commissioner of

Police (Crime and Traffic) Vinay A Gaonkar told *TNSE* that the two officers — Police Inspector K K Ramakrishna, and Police Sub-Inspector Kabbal Raj — were posted with the crime branch in Mangaluru when they arrested three Kerala-based businessmen for allegedly cheating several people in Dakshina Kannada in a ponzi scheme. Three high-end

cars — a BMW, a Porsche and a Jaguar — were also seized from them. But, the officers had shown the seizure of only the BMW and the Porsche on record, and not the Jaguar. The cost of the missing car is said to be around Rs 50 lakh. The incident came to light when the accused businessmen came out on bail and wanted to get the cars released.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the two officers were at fault after which the commissioner recommended a CID inquiry
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THEIR JOB? TASTING WAKING UP & COFFEE

Their daily grind is to evaluate and certify the bean

MEGHANA SASTRY @Bengaluru

IMAGINE having coffee breaks throughout the day! And imagine your boss insisting that you take these coffee breaks! Well, coffee tasting or cupping is not as simple as that. There is a science and a philosophy behind that hot cuppa you consume daily.

Coffee goes through a process – from beans to brew. From planting the seed to picking the fruits, to curing it, roasting it and finally grinding it – making it ready for consumption. In between the planter and the consumer, is a very important person called the taster who not only certifies that the coffee is good for consumption but also grades it, helping planters fix a price.

This profession started when consumers were able to recognise the difference in the coffees, and roasters started tasting every batch of coffee, and preparing a cupping report to ensure consistency. This report quantifies all the sensory attributes to coffee which are fragrance (dry coffee), aroma (wet coffee) and taste. Tasting evaluates coffee on flavour, body, acidity and after taste. The coffee industry took cues from the beer, wine and scotch industries as they have been doing it for much longer.

Ideally, a coffee taster should be on a bland diet for a week before tasting. However, when it becomes a regular job and tasting happens a lot more frequently, a taster shouldn't eat for a minimum of two hours before tasting. Most of them do it first thing in the morning on an empty stomach or after a minimum of a two-hour gap.

Tasting starts with roasting and one such taster Suhas Dwarkanath (32) is a Bengaluru boy, who fell in love with coffee as a child. He used to walk past Coffee Day every day on his way to school and the aroma that wafted through made him decide that he wanted to work with coffee when he grew up. After completing MBA, he went to Dubai to pursue a job and it was then that he found out that there's more to coffee than filter coffee. He studied at 'Specialty Coffee Association' and became a certified taster.

He decided to return home and opened a business called 'Benki Brewing Tools' making



COURSE CUP

To become a coffee taster, one needs to study cupping. It is available as an independent course as well as a part of other coffee courses. Specialty Coffee Association is the only one that has international recognition. It was first formed in Europe with its headquarters in Essex, UK (SCAE), and later in the USA with its headquarters in Santa Ana, California (SCAA).



WHERE THEY TEACH

Coffee Board of India

Central Coffee Research Institute, Chikkamagaluru

Benki Brewing Tools, Bengaluru

Araku, Hyderabad

POPULAR COFFEES IN INDIA

- 1 ARABICA:** Flavourful, aromatic, acidic (needs shade). Arabica comes from Robusta
- 2 ROBUSTA:** Bold, double the amount of caffeine, strong. Mother plant
- 3 LIBERICA:** Mix of Arabica and Robusta (not very commercial, gets mixed in Robusta here in India)
- 4 EXCELSA:** Delicate and difficult to grow in all kinds of topography (not very commercial, gets mixed in Robusta here in India)



Suhas Dwarkanath slurps coffee (above); Tools of the coffee taster's trade (right) | MEGHANA SASTRY

his childhood dreams a reality. The tasting room is a sacred place and is kept free of any outside smell so as to not interfere with the aroma. He says, "All your senses are working when you are tasting the coffee."

The tasting room has a red light as the human eye cannot differentiate between different shades of brown under this light making the process unbiased. The temperature is between 22 and 26 degrees Celsius because it influences taste and anyone tasting a batch of coffee anywhere in the world should get the same result.

The process is quite elaborate. A taster needs to roast the beans first as roasting is transforming the green bean to something that's consumable and soluble in water. Tasters must have knowl-



edge of roasting but don't need to be roasters.

Roasting the beans caramelises the sugars, increases the size, changes colour and makes the flavours pop. The taste of the coffee depends on the soil, weather conditions and the microorganisms that migrate as these factors determine how the plant matures. For instance, if a farmer is growing pepper in the same estate, the microorganism that feeds on pepper will sit on a coffee cherry and influence the taste of the coffee.

After analysing and roasting the beans, it rests for 8-24 hours after which it is ground (coarse grind). A taster takes 8.5gm of coffee in a cup, evaluates the fragrance, then introduces 150gm of water at 92 degrees Celsius which rests for 4 minutes. The taster then breaks the crust to evaluate the aroma and slurps the coffee and evaluates the taste.

While tasting multiple cups, a taster cleanses the palate using unsweetened/unsalted crackers or just rinses mouth with plain room temperature milk. The nasal cavity is neutralised by smelling one's skin.

Suhas also trains people and one such person is Sandesh. A computer engineer, Sandesh is married to a coffee lover. While sourcing coffee for his wife from across the globe, he decided to open a roastery. He learnt the art of tasting as every roaster needs to understand it so as to sell the right product to the right customer. He calls his business 'Kohi Roasters'. He says, "I have found the love of my life."

Once you fall in love with coffee you carry it everywhere you go. One such coffee taster is Ajay from Maharashtra, who, tired of being cooped during the lockdown, visited coffee estates in Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu. En route home, he stopped in Bengaluru to meet his coffee buddies and share his experiences. He has a small brewing kit and carries it wherever he goes. He says, "I can brew my coffee in a moving bus."

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR

@Haveri

It is a matter of pride and contentment for Hanumantappa Sunkad, that he is able to indulge his childhood curiosity and turn it into a profitable source of income. And the cherry on top is that he has become an inspiration for the young and old alike in his village Gummanahalli.

"My parents had no land. They worked as agricultural labourers and I would tag along. That's how I developed an interest in farming. It was my childhood dream," Hanumantappa says.

But he had to put a brake on his dreams and eventually he became a police constable, a job the 37-year-old still does. Hanumantappa is a driver to a senior officer posted in Byadgi town of Haveri district.

"It was only two years ago that I was able to buy a small plot of land and I decided to rear sheep in my free time. It was not easy to begin with as my work as a police constable demands a lot of time and attention," he says.

But today, he juggles the two jobs with the support of his family and his supervising officers. "My seniors advised me to make sure my police duties weren't neglected and be available when required, and I heeded their advice. Today, I am one of the livestock farmers of my village and the surrounding areas," the cop says.

He started with around 10 sheep. When he was a child, his parents had a couple of sheep which they reared right outside their house and so, he already knew the basics of keeping livestock. He also followed certain accounts for practical know-how, and to build a network of customers.

His day starts at around 5am, when he goes to his sheep farm and checks on the animals. He takes them out for a bit of sun and exercise, and herds them back into the pen where they graze. In a couple of hours, he dons his policeman's hat and heads to his other job. While he is on duty, his family pitches in. "Hygiene and interacting with the sheep are the most important when it comes to sheep-rearing," he says. If duty permits, he checks in during the day and does chores around the farm.

Hanumantappa buys lambs which are seven or eight months at around Rs 7,000-8,000. He looks after them for about six months and sells them when they are about 1.2 years old, by which time, they weigh around 45-50kg. Each animal will fetch around Rs 20,000, depending on its weight – the market rate for a kilogram is around Rs 450-500.



This police constable, a sheep farmer too, here's how he does it

After deducting the cost of rearing – which is about Rs 3,000 for about six months per animal – he earns above Rs 15,000 per sale.

Like this, two years have passed, and he has bought and sold around 200 sheep, with average sales of around 15-20 animals a month. Usually, he takes the animals to the weekly santhe (market) in Haveri. Others seek him out through social media and come looking for him. He too uses social media to find buyers.

A year after he started his business, a large number of people returned to their villages due to the pandemic lockdown. The consequent job losses meant that many people chose to remain in their villages and take up farming or odd jobs to make ends meet.

During this time, his work sparked interest among the people of his village, and eventually, several people began to think seriously of sheep-rearing as a livelihood, given the returns. They began to train under him and 10 young people are now making plans to take it up as a livelihood.



It is a good business for young farmers if they can take it up along with other agricultural activities. It was a surprise to see Hanumantappa Sunkad, who is a police constable, managing to make the time to rear animals in the past two years. This prompted me and many others to take up sheep-rearing.

Puttappa Lingadahalli, a villager



Hanumantappa Sunkad is living his childhood dream of becoming a farmer | DHEMANTH



UVCE may get ₹150cr per yr for upgrade

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AFTER a 15-year-long wait, University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) will finally get the required funding to catapult it into an IIT-like institute. Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Saturday said the State Government plans to develop the college and spend ₹150 crore annually and transform it into a global educational institute by providing it with financial, administrative and educational autonomy.

The government, in the last budget, had allocated ₹10 crore for upgrading the college, and had formed an expert committee.

B'LURU ON A ROAR

'Make in India' lion now looks over city

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ASpart of the beautification of Bengaluru and to mark Atmanirbhar Bharath, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday unveiled a statue of the 'Make in India' logo at Windsor Manor Circle.

Soon after the statue of the lion was unveiled, many citizens gathered to catch a glimpse and click photographs of the emblem.

Even on Friday, when the work and trials were on until after sunset in a well-lit ambience and water fountains, many took photographs of the piece, said to be first of its kind in the state.

The statue has been created by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) at a traffic



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa unveiled the 'Make in India' logo at Windsor Manor Circle in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

island. The lion sculpture is placed on a secondary kinetic platform which rotates at a

steady pace, offering an all-round view of the sculpture. The elliptical base is clad

with a distinctive material, known as weathering steel, which is a 'living material' whose surface colour and texture naturally materialises upon exposure to the atmosphere. The lion statue is 22 feet in length, 10 feet in height and four feet in width and weighs 1,000 kg. The cost of the statue is Rs 7 lakh and the overall cost of the project is ₹1 crore.

BBMP officials said that the new design of Windsor Manor Circle is envisaged as a transformation of its image for public place of purpose while retaining its soul as a green island.

Adding to its utility of functioning as a traffic island, the intention is to bring value to it by making it a node in the cityscape which induces visual communication.

Arkavathy Layout extension a reality, site aspirants happy

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THERE is a ray of hope now for people waiting for a government site for over 15 years. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday announced the formation of the Arkavathy extension layout.

The State Government has already approved the preliminary notification drafted by the Bangalore Development Authority. The BDA Commissioner had made a request to the government on December 30, 2020 after it had decided to create the extension layout on 450.15 acres of land on August 28, 2020.

BDA Commissioner Dr H R Mahadev told TNSE that the extension layout is being formed as many people have lost their sites and land under the denotification and re-do cases. According to the preliminary assessment, 5,000 sites need to be allotted, and land to create 1,500 sites has been identified in the existing Arkavathy layout, while the remaining will be in the extension layout.

Mahadev said since government has approved the preliminary notification, it will soon be made public after which citizens' opinion will be invited before drafting the final no-

tification. The aim is to start the exercise in two months.

However, a senior urban development department official was sceptical. "The layout is jinxed. The way it was carved, formed and handled by officials is a mess. Citizens who paid for the sites and farmers who lost their land are still suffering," said the official.

The government has planned to give sites to allottees who lost their sites, farmers who were not compensated and to senior allottees who have applied for a BDA site over 20 years ago.

To ensure that the new layout does not face the same fate as Arkavathy, BDA has started talking to farmers and convincing them of government's new plan.

As per the approved notification, a copy of which is with TNSE, the extension layout will come up in Sampigeahalli, Kattigenahalli, Kogilu, Srinivasapura, Byapanahalli, Belahalli, Mittiganahalli and Sathnur villages. In 2014, following court orders, of the 1,766.07 acres of the layout, 336.16 acres were not given to the allottees.

The layout will be developed with BDA funds, without taking loans from financial institutions.

RARE MUGHAL-ERA GOLD COIN AUCTIONED FOR ₹56 LAKH

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A rare gold coin issued by a Mughal emperor was auctioned for Rs 56 lakh in Bengaluru on Saturday, at an event organised by numismatic auction house

Marudhar Arts. Rajendra Maru, chairman of Marudhar Arts, said on Saturday that rare coins were auctioned on Saturday, while bidding for paper money will be held on Sunday.

A non-Kannadiga Indian won the bid for the 10.9 gm gold coin

issued by the Mughal ruler Kam Baksh, the fifth son of Aurangzeb.

The coin was minted at the Dar-Uz-Zafar mint in Bijapur (now known as Vijayapura) and has Persian legend

on it, which only increases its value as it was not circulated as currency, Maru said.

The coin is important as Baksh was known to mint many coins from Vijayapura, Gokak, Hy-

derabad, but had never had a coin minted in this unique combination.

Baksh had won the Bijapur fort in 1707 before declaring himself a king. He was known to have waged several wars and extended his kingdom.



18 pvt hosps in city to be part of vax drive

No choice of vaccine, most hospitals to get Covishield for now; registration process to start in districts tomorrow

What you need to know

People with comorbidities must have certificate about their condition from a doctor

Vaccination to be done on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in govt facilities; on all working days at private facilities

Timings: Noon to 5 pm

200 people to be given jabs per session site on a first-come-first-serve basis; people who register online to be given appointment

Self-registration can be done on CoWin 2.0 and Arogya Setu apps. On-site registration will be done for people unable to register online

RAMKRISHNA BADESHI AND
IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru/
Kalaburagi

KARNATAKA is gearing up to vaccinate citizens above 60 and people aged 45-59 with specified comorbidities from March 1.

In the initial phase, all taluk and hospitals and two identified private hospitals from each district will administer the jab. In Bengaluru, all major hospitals and 18 private health facilities in BBMP limits will be part of the campaign.

Director of Health and Family Welfare Department Dr Omprakash Patil told *The New Sunday Express* that Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar will launch the vaccination programme from Sira in Tumakuru



ru district on Monday, after which the registration process will be launched in all the districts.

As with health and frontline workers, people will not be al-

lowed to choose between Covishield and Covaxin. Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Dr K V Thirlok Chandra said, "People will not be allowed to choose, even if they go

to private hospitals for the shot. The vaccine which has been provided by the government to private hospitals will only be given."

However, Patil said that for now, Covishield will be the only vaccine which will be distributed to both government and private hospitals.

He said that the State Government has an adequate stock of doses at present. "If we require more, the Central Government will send it based on our demand," he said.

National Health Mission Director Dr Arundathi and Deputy Director Dr Rajani recently held a video-conference with deputy commissioners to discuss the arrangements to be made in districts.

RARE DISEASE

Some Covid-19 patients develop Guillain-Barre Syndrome, say doctors

IFFATH FATHIMA@Bengaluru

Doctors are seeing a new addition to Covid-19 complications – the Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), a rare disease where the immune system attacks the nerves.

Any viral infection triggers an immune response in the body and if that response is in excess, then it damages nerve fibres. In such instances, patients become paralyzed, they may sometimes encounter difficulty in swallowing or even have facial palsy.

Usually GB Syndrome presents 10-12 days after any infection, could be due to gastroenteritis, respiratory infection, or sometimes, vaccine-related also. It has a seasonal trend and attacks during winter/monsoons. As Covid-19 is also a viral infection caused by a neurotropic virus (this virus implies an affinity towards the nervous system), it can trigger GB Syndrome, say doctors.

Doctors from Apollo Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, saw many cases where Covid patients were also seen getting infected with the GB Syndrome. "Usually, we see 5-6 cases spread across the year. However, last year, especially around September-October

when the cases were at peak in Bengaluru, we witnessed a spike in GBS cases. This is the first time we have seen such a trend. We have seen more than 10 Covid patients diagnosed with GB Syndrome in our hospital. The condition usually affects people who are middle-aged and/or those between 50

and 60 years," said Dr Suryanarayana Sharma, Senior Consultant – Neurologist, Apollo Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road.

Here is a case study. A 43-year-old man complained of weakness in both lower limbs. On testing, the patient was found to be Covid-19 positive. Within a day or two, he had weakness in all the four limbs of the body, which was

when the doctors considered that there was a possibility of GB Syndrome.

"We did a nerve conduction test and spinal fluid analysis and brain fluid analysis. All the tests confirmed the diagnosis for GB Syndrome. The patient was then started on IVIG – a treatment for GB Syndrome. Eventually, the patient began to improve.

He said, "Standard measures such as Covid-19 prevention, sanitization, social distancing and use of masks can help prevent any viral infection."

Give priority to healthcare services: Lokayukta to govt

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OBSERVING that the state government has to prioritise its resources, giving priority to healthcare, Lokayukta Justice P Vishwanatha Shetty has issued directions to the Department of Medical Education and Health and Family Welfare, ahead of the state budget.

To ensure availability of beds in an emergency at state hospitals, Justice Shetty said authorities should take measures to provide a centralised communication system, so that patients can be sent immediately to hospitals where beds are available.

The Lokayukta passed the order recently on the complaint of Siddalingegowda, a social activist of Mavinakere, Tumakuru.

He directed the departments concerned to submit the details of steps taken to provide adequate ambulances with equipment and medical personnel.

He sought details of measures taken to upgrade 30-bed Community Health Centres to Taluk Level Health Centres, and data on the number of vacancies in posts of doctors and support staff in each district.

He directed the Medical Education Director to submit norms laid down by the Medical Council of India on hospitals.

More cases emerge from Yelahanka

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The Yelahanka zone has been seeing an increase in the number of Covid cluster cases, with positives going up from 28 on Friday to 33 on Saturday.

Eight students in Agrabhami college, six people in Purva Venezia Apartment and 11 from Sambram Academy of Management Studies have tested positive. Also eight students from Inspire Livesuit PG, managed by Sambram College, are Covid-positive.

As per BBMP details, 266 tests were done at Agrabhami College, where five students and three primary contacts were positive. The primary con-

tacts have been admitted to Yelahanka General Hospital, while five are in home isolation.

At Sambram Academy, 1,590 tests were done and 11 students were positive. Ten students, with mild symptoms are in quarantine themselves. One positive case, a 20-year-old student, has gone to Kolar with his parents.

At Purva Venezia Apartment, Covid spread from a 62-year-old who had returned from Mumbai. Some of his primary contacts were positive for the virus. At the apartment, 111 tests were carried out and six were found positive. They have been admitted to a private hospital.

However, the new hotspot

was the PG accommodation where eight are positive and have been admitted to KC General Hospital. The students are aged between 18 and 23.

According to a health officer from BBMP Yelahanka zone, 67 people are at the PG and all have been tested. "All the 19 students who tested positive at the PG are from Sambram College. Initially, students who came from Kerala were staying there and that is how the infection spread. All have been tested and the results will be out on Sunday. Right now, many students are asymptomatic and a few have mild symptoms. There is nothing to worry about," the officer said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Smt. Swathi has intended to purchase the property bearing Site No.259, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, converted land in Sy.No.7/1, in the layout formed and known as "Royal Lakefront Residency", measuring East to West 40 Ft. and North to South 30 Ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule property, from one S.B.Nagarajiah, S/o Late Srinivasappa S., aged 82 years, Thippasandra Village, Magadi Taluk, Ramanager District, Sankhigatta, Bangalore Rural-562131, who claims to have the valuable marketable right, title and interest, free from all encumbrances or claims of any nature, whatsoever and in peaceful possession of the Schedule property. If any persons have any claims, right, title or interest in the Schedule property or any objections to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supportive documents within 15 days from this day. If no tangible objection share received with the said period, our client will proceed with the transaction deeming that there are no such claims or objections in respect of the Schedule property.

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NOTIFICATION
'Gandhi Peace Prize Award'
(Notification from the Governor's Secretariat vide: No GS 05 ADM 2021, Dated 23-02-2021)

The Ministry of State for Culture and Tourism (IC), Government of India, New Delhi has requested the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka to send the State Nominations for the award of the 'Gandhi Peace Prize'. The 'Gandhi Peace Prize' for Social, Economic and Political Transformation through Non-Violence was instituted by the Government of India since 1995 recognising the "contributions made in the promotion of international peace and good will." The award is being instituted in honor of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary. The Award carries an amount of Rupees One Crore (Convertible to Foreign Currency) and a Citation. Accordingly, the Governor's Secretariat has constituted a committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellors of different Universities of the State under my Co-Ordination to invite the proposals from competent Persons/Associations/ Institutions/ Organisations and to submit its recommendations.

Hence, proposals are invited from Persons/Associations/ Institutions /Organisations for the Award and shall accompany the recommendations from the following competent to make proposals for the Award-

- Former members of the Jury;
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- Nobel Laureates;
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- Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the Universities;
- Heads of Indian Missions abroad for bringing it to the notice of and for consulting major relevant institutions and experts of the country concerned;
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- Presiding Officers of both Houses of Parliament/ State Assemblies/ Councils;
- Governors /Chief Ministers of the States/UTs Administration;
- Secretary-General , Commonwealth;
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Union;
- Inter-Parliamentary Union;
- Any other person whom the Jury may wish to invite to make proposals for the Award.

The proposals for the Nominations to the Award shall be submitted to **Dr. S. Sachchidanand, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 041 on or before 10th March 2021.**

The details of the eligibility and the code of procedure for the 'Gandhi Peace Prize' is hosted on home page of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Official website: **www.rguhs.ac.in.**

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[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
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Ahead of TN elections, Jal Shakti minister meets Yediyurappa

Union Minister may have carried a message to chief minister not to escalate Cauvery issue before polls in Tamil Nadu, say sources; BSY had threatened to take legal route



Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat greeting Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on the latter's birthday, in Bengaluru on Saturday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AT a time when BJP leaders in Karnataka have taken a firm stand against Tamil Nadu's proposed project to utilise surplus water from the Cauvery river, Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat met Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa here on Saturday.

Though government sources said that it was just a courtesy call and the duo didn't discuss the inter-state water dispute, other sources said that the timing of the Union minister's visit to Bengaluru and his meeting with the CM may have intended at sending a message to Karnataka that the Central Government is aware of its concerns and not to turn into a political issue at a time when Tamil Nadu is going to polls.

The sources pointed out that the firm stand taken by Karnataka BJP leaders is likely to put party leaders in Tamil Nadu in a bind.

Shekhawat was in the city to wish Yediyurappa on his birthday and left the state capital in the evening.

Tweeting about his visit, Shekhawat said, "Met hon'ble CM Sh B S Yediyurappa ji at his residence today and wished him on his birthday. May al-

mighty bless him with good health, long life and enthusiasm to carry forward the development of the state."

State Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi met Shekhawat in Delhi recently to discuss the inter-state river water disputes. After Tamil Nadu launched the project recently, the chief minister, DyCMs and ministers had hit out at the neighbouring state for violating the Inter-state River Water Disputes Act.

Yediyurappa too wrote to Shekhawat, requesting him not to clear the project and give a directive to Tamil Nadu to refrain from going ahead with the project. "Average available surplus water at the inter-state border is not less than 83 tmcft annually if the flows measured by the Central Water Commission gauge station at inter-state border Biligundlu after water year 2007-08 are considered. The state of Karnataka has exclusive right over such surplus water," the Chief Minister stated.

Meanwhile, opposition parties and pro-Kannada activists accused the State Government of not doing enough to protect the state's interests and also alleged that the Centre was supporting Tamil Nadu with an eye on Assembly elections.

Convince PM on injustice to K'taka: Gowda to State Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda on Saturday said the State Government should convince Prime Minister Narendra Modi about injustice done to Karnataka in the inter-state Cauvery river water dispute. Determined to stop Tamil Nadu from going ahead with its proposed project to utilise 45 tmcft of surplus Cauvery water, Karnataka has decided to fight out the matter legally and politically.

"We must go to the Supreme Court and also the government must convince the Prime Minister about injustice done to Karnataka in the inter-state dispute," Gowda told *The New Sunday Express*.

Saying that taking an all-party delegation to Delhi to discuss Tamil Nadu's project may not be of much use, the JDS supremo said the BJP is in power in the State and Centre, and Karnataka should convince Modi to protect the State's interest.

Gowda said they will not indulge in politics over such an issue and he too is willing to take up Karnataka's case before Modi. "If invited, I am also willing to go and explain (it to the PM). I am prepared to do so," Gowda said and added that Central ministers from Karnataka too must take an initiative in this regard.

Referring to Tamil Nadu's opposition to Mekedatu balancing reservoir project in Karnataka, Gowda asked why should Karnataka be prevented from constructing a dam to store water for the purpose of providing drinking water, that too when it has made it clear that it will strictly adhere to the Supreme Court decision on releasing TN's share of water.

In 2016, Gowda had launched a hunger strike in front of the Gandhi statue in Vidhana Soudha seeking justice to Karnataka over the release of Cauvery water and had forced the Centre to take note of Karnataka's concerns.

Meanwhile, State Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said that Tamil Nadu has been opposing any project taken up by Karnataka even to modernise 300-year-old dams that were in a bad condition besides opposing even the allocation of drinking water for Bengaluru.

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H D Deve Gowda, former PM and JDS supremo

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BS Yediyurappa, CM

WHAT TN WANTS
Use surplus Cauvery water through a river-linking project by building a canal from the Cauvery to Vaigai-Gundar

WHAT K'TAKA SAYS
TN project to utilise 45 tmcft of water is in violation of Inter-State Water Dispute Act and Karnataka will move court

KSHDC plans to tie up with Amazon too

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"SOME of these items cost around Rs 5,000 and are 10 inches in height. These products are available at our Cauvery showrooms too. In January alone, about ₹3 lakh worth of items were sold on Flipkart," IGP and Managing Director of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation (KSHDC), D Roopa pointed out.

The corporation now plans to tie up with Amazon also.

"Talks are on. If everything goes well, we will sign an MoU with them and our products will be available on Amazon too," she added. Asked why they chose the e-commerce route, she said more and more people are opting for online purchases, especially after the pandemic hit. "By entering the e-commerce field, we are hoping to expand our business," she added.

At present, KSHDC procures handicraft items from artisans after it is approved by a committee. All items available on e-commerce platforms are also available offline at their showrooms. Once an order is placed, the person concerned at the showroom will get a message who will, in turn, dispatch the order.

Initially, the online purchase option will be for customers within India and may later be expanded to other countries, Roopa said.

There is a need to inquire into baseless charges levelled against me of receiving kickbacks. I am not a commodity to be purchased. I have stuck to political ideology and have made too many sacrifices for it
Tanveer Sait, MLA



'No one can finish me off politically'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

WITH the growing demand within Congress seeking his suspension for allegedly taking a unilateral decision in the recently-concluded Mysuru mayoral polls, MLA Tanveer Sait said he is not scared and is ready to accept both bouquets and brickbats from the party.

Congress and JDS joined hands to stop BJP from taking control of the Mysuru City Corporation in the mayoral polls held last week. While

JDS bagged the mayoral post, Congress settled for the deputy mayor's post, infuriating local strongman Siddaramaiah.

Clarifying that he has only tried to protect the interests of the party by stopping BJP from coming to power, the five-time MLA said the decision of an alliance was not taken to target any individual. "It's not any single person's dignity as everyone has his or her own respect," he said.

On Congress leaders demanding action against him, Sait termed it a puppet show. "I am

confident that people will know who the master behind it is."

Sait said he will meet KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Monday and will submit a report. Claiming that no one can finish him off politically, he said, "Conspirators would have pointed at me had BJP come to power at MCC."

Asked why he didn't answer Siddaramaiah's calls who rang him 16 times, Sait said mobile phones aren't allowed inside the Council hall.

He said Siddaramaiah had given him nod for the alliance.

FOCUS ON CHANNAPATNA

Toy with new ideas: PM to K'taka artisan

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WHEN Kouser Pasha (51), an artisan from Channapatna, showed a wooden toy train and an aeroplane to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, the PM said these reminded him of his childhood days. And for Pasha that was a special moment.

Interacting with the toy makers from across the country during the virtual inauguration of 'India Toy Fair' in New Delhi, the Prime Minister told Pasha, "You are from Channapatna toy cluster, which is one of the biggest in our country. Your toys should not be just played by children of your town, district, state or country, but the entire world."

Pushing for 'vocal for local', the PM suggested to them to take help from start-ups to



Artisan Kouser Pasha with Channapatna toys

come up with innovative ideas to reach out to the global market. "Channapatna is close to Bengaluru (about 65km) and Bengaluru is a Startup and IT hub. Many young-

sters work there - invite them and get ideas which will help. Interact with children and parents, make toys according to the demand keeping the tradition," the PM told Pasha. He also told him to adopt e-marketing.

Speaking to *TNSE*, Pasha said there are around 300 factories in Channapatna where over 2,000 people work, with at least 20 per cent of them being women. "In my factory alone, 15 people work and I am happy to generate employment. The PM spoke about Channapatna toys in his 'Mann Ki Baat' in September last year, after which the de-

mand for toys has increased," he said. "During my interaction with the PM, I explained to him how we collect soft ivory wood, carve and paint them using vegetable dye. The PM patiently listened to us. He even asked what problems we face and what suggestions I can give. I told him about how cumbersome the procedures are for taking a Mudra loan. I requested him to make it simple," Pasha said.

"I never thought that I would one day interact with the PM. It all happened because of the tradition and legacy we carry from our forefathers," he said.

The PM patiently listened to us. He asked what problems we face and what suggestions I can give. I told him about how cumbersome the procedures are for taking a Mudra loan. I requested him to make it simple
Kouser Pasha

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'QUARRY BLASTS: POLICE SHOULD BE PROACTIVE'

RAMU PATIL @ BENGALURU

Explosions at stone quarries in Shivamogga and Chikkaballapur districts that claimed 14 lives have jolted the authorities out of their slumber.

They have now decided to crack down on illegal sale, transportation and use of explosives. Former chief of state police ST Ramesh says strengthening grassroots policing, network of informants and proactive policing is required to check such activities. "Police have to be proactive in enforcement, and not reactive, as is the case now," the former DG&IGP told *The New Sunday Express*. Excerpts:

Why is there a sudden spurt in such accidents in the state?

It may not be a spurt. But there is an increase in the use of explosives for construction and quarrying activities. With it, possession (of explosives) without licence, that too without adequate safeguards, and nefarious activities too have increased. It was just a matter of time before such accidents occurred and that was what happened at Shivamogga and Chikkaballapur. People store, transport, use and handle explosives unprofessionally, without licence and with utter disregard to safety.

How is it possible to transport large quantities of explosives without being noticed by the police or other agencies? In both cases, gelatin sticks were said to be supplied from other states...

Interstate borders are porous. It is humanly impossible for the police to check such movement of explosives across state borders. The explosives are hidden while transporting. The only way such movements can be detected is by developing a good network of informants by the police.

Is it not intelligence failure? Is it due to a lack of coordination between vari-



Explosives are hidden while transporting. The only way such movements can be detected is by developing a good network of informants by the police
ST Ramesh, former DG&IGP

laxity in the enforcement of Explosives Substances Act, it is a security threat. We have to investigate the source of illegal possession and use of explosives. Unfortunately, misuse of explosives often come to light only after accidents happen. The sensational church bomb blast cases which occurred in Karnataka during early 2000 came to light when the vehicle of anti-social elements carrying the explosives met with an accident in Bangalore.

Do you think the nexus among quarry owners, politicians and officials is also a reason for such illegal activities?

Such a nexus is always possible. But one need not worry oneself with such extraneous factors. Everything ultimately boils down to good grassroots policing for which they should have enough time and resources.

What is required to stop such illegal sale and transportation of explosives and to break nexus between quarry owners, officials and politicians?

It involves strict enforcement of the Explosive Substances Act, which is a special law. At least 10 per cent of the police resources and time should be devoted to the enforcement of such special laws as they have an implication on public order and maintenance of peace and tranquillity. Police have to be proactive in enforcement and not reactive as is the case now.

Do you think existing laws are adequate or more stringent ones are needed to check such illegal activities?

I think more than bringing in new laws, provisions prescribed in the existing Explosives Substances Act, such as obtaining a certificate from the expert from the explosives department, and sanction to prosecute the accused etc, should be simplified and roadblocks removed. These are cumbersome and lead to inordinate delays.

Faulty CCTVs: Horatti takes Council staff to task

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

NEWLY-elected Chairman of the Legislative Council, Basavaraj Horatti, is keen to bring more discipline among the employees of the House. Unhappy with the nonfunctional CCTV cameras, he has directed the officials concerned to get them fixed before budget session begins on March 4.

In a letter to the Council Secretary, Horatti said, "The CCTV cameras have been damaged purposely to protect some people. It has to be rectified and those involved in damaging the equipment should be punished."

There are 36 CCTV cameras in the Council building, but most of them are not working. The annual maintenance has also not been done. Also, there is rat menace in the Council which may have led to destruction of cables and wires. There are over 300 employees in the Council and many of them allegedly skip work or do not sit in their assigned places.

Horatti told *TNSE* that there are complaints that many of them are not at their desk or do not come to office. "After Covid,

we had stopped biometric attendance. Some of them are misusing this. In order to bring some discipline, I have ordered repair of all CCTVs and biometric attendance system by March first week," he said.

In his letter, Horatti also objected Group-D employees, including drivers, not wearing uniforms. "The male staff are supposed to wear white shirt and white trouser and female staff red/brown sarees. But this is not being followed. They come in regular clothes which makes it difficult to differentiate between employees and public," sources said. Horatti said the staff get allowances for the uniform every month.

After Horatti's letter, the Council Secretary issued an order prohibiting employees from using mobile phones in the corridor. They were also given strict instruction not to assemble in the corridor in groups and chat. The biometric attendance will be made compulsory from March 1 and all Group-D employees will have to wear uniform.

Karnataka Council Employees' Association office-bearer Srikanth said the move was needed for discipline at work.

EXPRESS READ

No plan to hike bus fares, says Laxman Savadi

VIJAYAPURA: Transport Minister Laxman Savadi has said that there is no plan to increase bus fares despite a surge in fuel prices. Savadi, who is also the DyCM, said that the government will not hike bus fares as people are already reeling under financial crisis owing to the prevailing pandemic. Speaking to reporters, he said, "Bus fare was increased up to 12% last year. We do not want to overburden the common man. On trial basis, the government has placed an order for 300 e-buses which will start operations in Bengaluru soon. Later, the number of e-buses will be increased and operated across the state." ENS

ED attaches ₹84 cr assets of Kanva group

Cooperative collected money through unauthorised centres from 13,000 investors promising high interest

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached immovable assets worth Rs 84.40 crore of N Nanjundaiah, director, Kanva group of companies, his family members and related entities, including Harish S, founder director and president of Sree Kanva Souhardha Cooperative Credit Limited (SKSCL) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).

"The assets are located at Nela-mangala, Koratagere, Chikkaballapur, Srirangapatna and Bengaluru in Karnataka and at Madakasira



in Andhra Pradesh," stated the ED in an official release.

The agency had provisionally attached assets worth Rs 255.17 crore of Nanjundaiah, his family members and other entities under PMLA in September last year. The total worth of seized assets is Rs 339.57

crore. Nanjundaiah was arrested on August 25, 2020. He remains in judicial custody. The ED had initiated the investigation against the firm and its management on the basis of a complaint received from the Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Bengaluru, and various FIRs against the accused for collecting Rs 650 crore deposits from the public on assurance of high interest rates, without maintaining required liquidity.

It said, "SKSCL collected money through unauthorised collection centres and collection agents from more than 13,000 gullible investors by luring them to pay higher rates

of interest ranging between 12 and 15 per cent. The company cheated the investors by not paying them the promised interest. They did not even return the principal amount after maturity to them. The deposits were embezzled and transferred to various accounts of the firm and entities, in the account of the directors, their family and other persons related to SKSCL. They later acquired assets with the embezzled money," the ED stated.

The ED had filed a prosecution complaint against Nanjundaiah and others on October 22 before the court of Principal City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru.

EXPRESS READ

REVA University signs MoU with 10 startups

Bengaluru: REVA University in Bengaluru signed an MoU with 10 startups in the city on Saturday. The startups were incubated at REVA NEST, the flagship technological business incubator of the university. They collaborated with the university to create a platform for quality research and internship opportunities for the students. **ENS**

M'luru top cop recommends CID inquiry into sale of car

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POLICE said the Kerala-based businessmen Tommy Mathew and T Rajan, believed to be the promoters of Eliya Construction and Builders Pvt Ltd, were arrested after a woman from Mangaluru lodged a complaint against them with the city police. In her complaint, lodged on October 16, 2020, the woman had said that hundreds of people had invested money to the tune of crores in the company after they were promised high returns, but they were cheated. The woman claimed she had invested Rs 4.5 lakh.

Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood on Saturday suspended the two police officers, pending an inquiry by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), for their alleged involvement in the sale of the car. Police Inspector K K Ramakrishna is now posted with the Narcotics Wing, Mangaluru, and Sub-Inspector Kabbal Raj, is with the Chikkamagaluru District Crime Records Bureau.

Mangaluru City Police Commissioner N Shashikumar had ordered an inquiry into the incident by DCP Vinay Gaonkar, who submitted a 35-page interim report a few days ago.

Five cops in the dock over custodial death of conman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A DAY after the custodial death of a 63-year-old alleged conman, the sub-inspector of Hanumanthnagar police station has been suspended for dereliction of duty and a departmental inquiry has been initiated against four other personnel who were with the accused.

Siddalinga Swamy had jumped to death from the second floor of his rented house in Vidyanarayapura when a police team took him there for spot mahazar on Friday evening. City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said that the case will be handed over to the CID for further investigation.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, DCP (South) Harish Pandey said that sub-inspector D Manjunath has been suspended as he was in charge of the case and was heading the team.

A police officer from Vidyanarayapura police station said that based on a complaint filed by Swamy's wife Devamani, a case of

unnatural death has been registered. Devamani stated in her complaint that she saw her husband run into the kitchen and jump from the balcony.

The police officer said that Swamy was arrested by the Hanumanthnagar police on February 24 and, during the interrogation, he revealed the names of two of his friends who were also involved in a cheating case and efforts are on to nab them.

Swamy of Malavalli was living in a rented house in Vidyanarayapura along with his family.

A senior police officer said that Swamy had conned Nagaraj, a resident of Hanumanthnagar, of Rs 13.29 lakh in 2020.

Swamy had impersonated a BDA official and promised that he would help Nagaraj get a site in the city.

Later, Swamy started avoiding Nagaraj without returning the money and also tried to create fake documents of a BDA site. He had then gone absconding.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per instructions of my clients, I hereby notify to the Public that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Item Nos. 1 to 3 of the Schedule Property, and further hereby notify to the Public that if any person's claiming any right, title or interest in respect of Item Nos. 1 to 3 of the Schedule Property, I requested to lodge their objections with the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** with supported documents of his/her claims on the Item Nos. 1 to 3 of the Schedule Property and in that event of no objections being received from any person's, my clients will purchase the Item Nos. 1 to 3 of the Schedule Property and subsequent objections will not be entertained and the same will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that part and parcel of the Land, measuring 8 Guntas out of 25 Guntas in Sy.No.48 situated at Baraganahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and presently bounded on: **East** by : Government Road; **West** by : Kodihalla; **North** by : Kodihalla; and **South** by : Portion of same Land belongs to Sri. Raghavendra.

Item No.2: All that part and parcel of the Land, measuring 8 Guntas out of 25 Guntas in Sy.No.48 situated at Baraganahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and presently bounded on: **East** by : Government Road; **West** by : Kodihalla; **North** by : Remaining Land in Sy.No.48; and **South** by : Land belongs to Basavaraju.

Item No.3: All that part and parcel of the Land, measuring 8 Guntas out of 25 Guntas in Sy.No.48 situated at Baraganahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and presently bounded on: **East** by : Government Road; **West** by : Kodihalla; **North** by : Remaining Land in Sy.No.48; and **South** by : Remaining Land in Sy.No.48.

MURTHY B.N., Advocate
Bijawara Village and Post,
Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
Mob : 9801580171

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TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED NOTICE

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Chief Engineer,
Construction, TSTRANSCO,
Vidut Soudha, Hyderabad.

R.No. 30/20

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Post Bag no. 1, Yelwal, Mysore 571 130

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Two parts sealed tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the President of India by the Chief Administrative Officer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Yelwal, Mysuru from experienced and reputed Contractors from Karnataka State to run Canteen at BARC, Yelwal, Mysuru:

Tender Reference No.	BARC/MYS/ADMIN/04/2021
Name of the work	Running Canteen with a seating capacity of over 150 persons at BARC, Yelwal, Mysuru
Initial period of Contract	One year (Extendable by 12 months based on mutually agreed terms, subject to performance of the Contractor and the quality, quantity of the food items, hygiene and services etc.)
Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Security declaration in lieu of Bid Security (EMD) shall be submitted in the format provided
Sale of tender documents	01.03.2021 to 12.03.2021 (10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.)
Prebid Meeting	22.03.2021 (at 15.00 hrs.)
Receipt of sealed tender	29.03.2021 upto 15.00 hrs.
Opening of tender document (Part-I)	01.04.2021 at 16.30 hrs.
Cost of tender document	Rupees Five hundred only- /Non-refundable)

The tender forms can be obtained from the office of **Pay & Accounts Officer, BARC, Post Bag No. 1, Yelwal P.O., Mysuru - 571 130** on payment of **Rs. 500/-** in cash (non-refundable). Other details/information can be seen on our website : www.barc.gov.in .

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer
For & on behalf of the President of India

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Post Bag no. 1, Yelwal, Mysore 571 130

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysuru invites on behalf of the president of India, sealed item rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD/PWD/other Government Organization having experience in works of "Similar Nature" for the following works.

Tender Reference No.	BARC/MYS/PO&M/HCT/ MF/WO/2021/
Name of work	Supply, Fabrication and Erection of Mild Steel structure to make horizontal partition of vertical portion of Bld. 8 Maintenance Room for material storage (store) in mezzanine floor.
Estimated Cost	Rs.4,45,000/- (Rupees four lakh forty five thousand only)
Period of Completion	03 Months
Earnest Money Deposit	NIL, Bid Security declaration may be please be provided as per format enclosed. If declaration not submitted tender will liable to be rejected.
Security Deposit	2.5% of tendered value
Performance Guarantee	3.0% of tendered value
Cost of Tender Document	₹500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) Non-Refundable
Issue of tender document on written request	From 01.03.2021 to 10.03.2021
Last date of receipt of sealed tender document	Up to 1500 on 11.03.2021
Date & time of opening of Tender	on 11.03.2021 at 15.15 Hr.
Place of Tender Submission	Tender Box No.3 (Mechanical work) located at Building -2, BARC, Yelwal, Mysuru
Place of Tender opening	Office of Accounts Officer, Building No.2, BARC, Yelwal, Mysuru
Contact Nos.	0821-2406530/2406802

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
For & on behalf of the President of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has offered to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners **Mrs.B.Dhanalakshmi**, Wife of Late Shivaiah and her son **Mr.S.Lakshminarayana**, both residing at No.20, North Road and North Extension, Cooke Town, Bangalore : 560 005.

The Owners have represented that a portion of the Schedule Property being the out-house has been acquired by **Mrs.B.Dhanalakshmi** in terms of a Registered Deed of Gift dated 31.08.1984 executed by **Mr.Velayudhan Ramakrishnan**, Son of Late Velayudhan and Registered as Document No.1587/1984-85 and the main house of the Schedule Property has been devised to **Mrs.B.Dhanalakshmi** and her son **Mr.S.Lakshminarayana** absolutely in terms of a Registered Codicil dated 05.01.1989 executed by **Mr.Velayudhan Ramakrishnan** (since deceased) to his Registered Last Will and Testament dated 18.02.1981 and Registered as Document No.143/1980-81, Volume No.48 at Pages 187 - 190 of Book-III, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore.

Any person's having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within ten days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person's shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land together with the structures standing thereon comprising of out-house and main building bearing Municipal Corporation No.20, PID No.86-230, (Earlier forming a portion of Plot No.31, Khatra No.374), situated at North Road and North Extension, Cooke Town, Corporation Ward No.86, Bangalore and bounded on the :

EAST BY : Property belonging to Mr.M.M.Thomas;
WEST BY : Property belonging to Mr.A.L.R. D'Souza;
NORTH BY : Property bearing No.26/1, Ashoka Road;
SOUTH BY : North Road;
and measuring on the :
EAST : 56 feet + 19 feet; WEST : 72 feet;
NORTH : 28 feet + 12 feet; SOUTH : 40 feet;
Totally measuring in all 2772 Square feet;

NISSAR AHMED, Advocate
No.10, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 28.02.2021 Place : Bangalore

Can Fin Homes Ltd
No. 69, (Old No 35), 12th Main,
Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011
Ph: 080-41625644
Mob: 7625079101
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

[PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30-03-2021**, for recovery of **Rs.38,05,038/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Five Thousand Thirty Eight only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Sachin Kumar M and Mrs.Pooja Tonnannavar and Mrs. Yashodamma H**, as on 05/05/2018, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs.76,00,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,60,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All the piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No.89 measuring 2340 sq ft., measuring East to West 45 ft and North to South 52 ft, totally 2340 sq ft along with constructed residential building consisting of Ground floor 1400sq ft, 1st Floor 1625 sqft, Total area of 3026 sq ft., building with vitrified and ceramic flooring and hone wood doors and windows thereon, situate in BMRDA approved layout, vide No.BMRDA LAO /082/2004-05 dated 27/04/2005 at "Celebrity Golden Treasure" which is formed out of erstwhile converted survey No.80/1, 84/1, 80/2, 80/3 & 84/2 of Bandenallandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on East by : Road, North by :Survey No.88, South by : Road, West by : Plot No.82

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link <https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx> Sd/-
Date: 27.02.2021
Place : Bengaluru

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

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ADMISSIONS FOR THE SESSION 2021-22

A. Ph.D. PROGRAMME (FULL TIME & PART TIME):
The admission forms of Ph.D. Programme are available throughout the year on the website of the School but the candidates shall be admitted twice in a year. The application form must be submitted along with photocopy of receipt, after making online payment 1. Through website of SPA, New Delhi <www.spa.ac.in>, 2. Through SBI Collect of Rs. 2,500 (Non Refundable) for Indian Nationals and US\$ 300 (Non Refundable) for foreign nationals / NRI / PIO / OCI. For further details please visit our website.

B. MASTER'S PROGRAMMES:
Two Years (Full Time only)
1. Master of Architecture (Architectural Conservation)
2. Master of Architecture (Urban Design)
3. Master of Architecture (Landscape Architecture)
4. Master of Building Engineering and Management
5. Master of Design (Industrial Design)
6. Master of Planning (Environmental Planning)
7. Master of Planning (Housing)
8. Master of Planning (Regional Planning)
9. Master of Planning (Transport Planning)
10. Master of Planning (Urban Planning)

ELIGIBILITY: May be checked on the SPA, New Delhi website (www.spa.ac.in) under tab **ADMISSION 2021**.

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MODE OF CONDUCT OF COURSES:
Online / In person, depending upon COVID19 situation.

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Eligible candidates may submit filled in Application Form through link provided on School's website www.spa.ac.in along with requisite self attested documents at spadpgadmn2021@spa.ac.in

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An applicant can apply for single programme only. Application fee for PG programme is Rs. 2,500 (Non Refundable) for Indian Nationals and US\$ 300 (Non Refundable) for Foreign National / NRI / PIO / OCI to be paid by online 1. Through website of SPA, New Delhi <www.spa.ac.in>, 2. Through SBI Collect. The School reserves the right to reject/ cancel any application without assigning any reason to the applicant.

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C. BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES
Admission to Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Planning will be made through JEE (Main) 2021 by NTA (National Testing Agency).

D. INTEGRATED MASTER OF PLANNING
Students (15 seats) admitted to Bachelor of Planning programme of the School can opt for 5 year Integrated Masters of Planning Programme after VII semester subject to eligibility.

FN/NRI/PIO/OCI(BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES):
Admission of Foreign National / Non Resident Indian and Person of Indian Origin is made through DASA. Candidates desirous for admission in Bachelor's Programme may visit DASA website.

As per COA guidelines, students admitted under B.Arch. Course without clearing any aptitude test in Architecture will not be eligible for Registration with COA.

RESERVATION OF SEATS:
Reservations will be applicable as per rules of the Government of India. For details please visit our website.

QUERIES: Any queries may be addressed by e-mail to admission@spa.ac.in or Phone No.23724383-23702382. (On working days during office hours only)

In case all the seats are not filled, SPA reserves right to have subsequent rounds for admission.

RESULT AWAITED:
Candidates whose final year results are still awaited can also apply, but must submit the final marks by 1 August 2021, failing which the admission will stand cancelled.

HOSTEL:
SPA has limited hostel accommodation and is not guaranteed for all. Candidates may have to make own accommodation arrangements.

NOTE:
Any dispute arising at any stage will be limited to jurisdiction of the courts of Delhi.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR POST GRADUATE ADMISSIONS	
1. Application forms available on website of the School	Monday, 8 March 2021
2. Last date of receipt of Application (for PG Courses)	Saturday, 27 March 2021
3. Display of list of eligible candidates on SPA, New Delhi website	Friday, 9 April 2021
4. Display of Selection List on SPA, New Delhi website	Tuesday, 20 April 2021
5. Registration in respective Departments	Friday, 6 August 2021
6. Orientation Programme	Friday, 6 August 2021
7. Start of Academic Session	Monday, 9 August 2021
8. Closure of Admission	Sunday, 15 August 2021

For details, please visit our website www.spa.ac.in
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Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PRE SALE STATUTORY NOTICE OF 30 DAYS UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 READ WITH SUB-SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 SARFAESI ACT AMENDED AS ON DATE FOR FIRST E-PUBLIC/PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET.

Whereas, **Sri Ramachandraiah K.H S/o. Late Hale Rangappa**, No. 579/18, 1st Floor, 8th Main, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040. and **Smt. Smitha C.R W/o. Sri Ramachandraiah K.H**, No. 579/18, 1st Floor, 8th Main, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004**. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 43,27,505/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Five Only) due and payable amount as on 30.09.2020** with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	
SCHEDULE - A: All that immovable Piece and Parcel of the residential property site bearing No. 142, formed in land bearing Sy. No. 23, formed by the NGEF Employees Co-Operative House Building Society approved by BDA situated at Nagarabavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently coming under jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 129 measuring East to West 40 Ft. and North to South 62 Ft. in all totally measuring 230.38 Sq.Mts. and bounded on: East by : Site No. 143, West by : Site No. 141, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 153	SCHEDULE - B: All the piece and parcel of the remaining portion of the residential property / Flat bearing No.S-1, II Floor of the building known as "Aadhy Residency" constructed on the Schedule-A property bearing super built up area of 1200 Sq. ft. along with 413 Sq.ft. undivided share, rights, the building consisting of Hall cum dining, open Kitchen with top and bottom cabinets three furnished bed rooms with one attached toilet common bath and WC and including all rights and privileges, appurtenances thereto and bounded on the: East by : Set Back, West by : Set Back, North by : Set Back and thereafter Road, South by : Flat S2

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF AUCTION :	Wednesday, 31-03-2021 at 11.00 AM Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Shankarpuram, Bangalore.
RESERVE PRICE AND EMD AMOUNT :	Rs. 55,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Only) Rs. 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:

- Details of the property to be auctioned can be obtained from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., No. 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. (Ph. 080-22956403/404) on all working days during office hours.
- The intending bidders should remit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / RTGS shall be drawn in favour of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore after the date of publication of this auction Sale Notice.
- The EMD will be accepted on the previous day of the auction that is from **9.30 AM to 4.30 PM at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Bangalore** and latest by **31-03-2021 before 10.00 AM**.
- The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price.
- In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest.
- The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft / RTGS vide RTGS No. 006016100000001 and IFSC Code MVCB0000006 and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
- The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
- The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
- The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **9.30 AM and 5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule.
- The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" and terms stipulated under securitization Act 2002. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., # 109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004 or Senior Manager (Mob: 9449599915), Vijayanagar Branch**, during office hours for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Ph:080-22956413/414), E-Mail: vjn.branch@vcb.co.in

Place : Bangalore
Date : 25-02-2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Sri Munirajappa S/o Appappa, and Sri Shivakumar M. S/o. Munirajappa have filed petition for the death certificate of Smt. Ratnavaswini W/o. Munirajappa who died on 08-03-1990 at their residence of No. 116, Ward No. 6, Maralabalu (Reddy Peta), Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District. If any disputes regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on 25.03.2021 at 11.00 a.m. in C.Misc No. 420/21.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Muniraja N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Sale deed dt. 06.03.1980 executed by President GSSSF in favour of Smt. Susheelamma registered as doc. No.93090-81 & Sale deed dt.03.03.2008 executed by Smt. Susheelamma Rep by GPA Holder Sri R Hanumanthiah registered as doc. No.376307-08 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Govt bldg in respect of Site No.7 measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 10 ft in measuring 1200 Sq.ft. S/S K.C. Layout, Nagasahalli, Purasabha Assessment No.1152/88/27, A-Sector, Gowribidanur Town, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkabagalur District has been lost at the time of travelling. So all the person are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 12 days from this present.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocates
Sarmyudhathi Legal, #83, Ground Floor,
5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar
2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that our Client has negotiated for purchase of the Schedule Property described hereunder from its owners namely Smt. Laila Olipally W/o Thomas J. Olipally alongwith Smt. Smta. Jacob Korah, and our Client intends to conclude the said transaction. As such any person(s) having any claim whatsoever over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections, claims, if any, alongwith supporting documents to the below mentioned address within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this notice. If no objections/claims are received within the said period, our Client shall proceed as bonafide purchaser to conclude the sale transaction by paying the entire sale consideration amount and getting the sale deed registered in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All that piece & parcel of residential vacant immovable property bearing Site No. 573, PID No. 100-758-573, in Block-III, Rajamahal Vilas 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 15m & North to South: 28m, and bounded on the East by: Site No. 572, West by: Site No. 574, North by: Site No. 608 & South by: Road

G.S. Prasanna Kumar, Advocate
M/s Linc & Co.,

#9, 11 Main, Srikanth Layout
Crescent Road, High Grounds,
Bengaluru - 560 001

PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF 2 ORIGINAL SALE DEEDS)
It is informed to the public that my client Mr. Aditya Bhandari, aged about 37 years, S/o. Late. Narendra Bhandari, residing at No. D-110, BM Glorietta Apartment, Borewell Road, Nallurahalli, White Field, Bangalore - 560066, has sworn to an Affidavit before me on this date and filed a complaint with police, for having lost the original Absolute Sale Deed Documents bearing Nos. 6534/2001-02, dated. 03.09.2001, entered in Book - 1, and Document No. KRI-1-0008-2004-05, stored in CD NO. KRI030, dated. 04.04.2004, both held in the office of the Sub Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore, pertaining to House property bearing Site No. 37, Katha No. 298, Property No. 125/2, situated at Kowdenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore while making Xerox of the same at K.R. Puram Bus stop and not to be traced.

The finders of the above original documents are requested to return the same to my below-mentioned address within 7 days.

K.B. SADHA SHIVAPPA,
Advocate & Notary,
Office at No: 300/2, Near Sri Ram Hospital, Opp: traffic Police Station, Old Madras Road, K.R. Puram, BANGALORE-560 036.
Mobile : 9845460976/ 9844078760
Date: 26-02-2021. Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my clients intend to purchase Three Bedroom Flat bearing No.203 on the Second Floor of building known as "CHANCELLOR'S COURT", fully described in Schedule given hereunder from Mr. Rahul David D'Souza also known as Mr. Rahul D'Souza, S/o. late Lt.Col.Ivan D'Souza and late Esme D'Souza. If any person has any claim or any objections in the matter of the sale of the Schedule Property, may contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims over the said property.

SCHEDULE

Three Bedroom Flat bearing No.203 on the Second Floor of building known as "CHANCELLOR'S COURT", with super built up area of 1674 sq.ft. along with one covered car parking space in the basement, together with 677 sq.ft. undivided share, right, title and interest in the land, now bearing B B M P K a t h a No. 1 / 8, O'Shaughnessy Road, Langford Gardens, BBMP Ward No.76, New Ward No.111, PID No.76-32-1/8, Bangalore-560025.

JEROME D'SOUZA, ADVOCATE
No.5, 3rd Floor, "A" Block,
St.Patrick's Complex Brigade Road
Bangalore-560025.
Ph: 9845569021.
Place: Bangalore; Date : 19.02.2021

BEFORE THE HONORABLE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BANGALORE NORTH SUB-DIVISION, AT BANGALORE.
R. A. (A) No.273/2017-18
BETWEEN : SRI. CHINNAPIPA AND ANOTHER
...Appellant
AND : THE THASILDAR, ANEKAL & OTHERS
...Respondents

1. THE THASILDAR, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.
2. THE DEPUTY THASILDAR, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.
3. SMT. AMARYANMA W/o Late Muniswamy. Aged about 75 years.
4. SMT. SHANTHANMA D/o Late Muniswamy. W/o Ramaswamy. Aged about 45 years.
5. SMT. YELLANMA D/o Ramaswamy. Aged about 32 years.
6. SMT. VENKATAMMA D/o Ramaswamy. Aged about 30 years.

Respondent No.3 to 6 are R/at Ambekar Colony, Sarjapura Village & Post, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk.
R-3 to 6 Rep by their GPA Holder R-7
7. SRI. PRASANNA S/o Late Srinivas Rao, Aged about 57 years. R/at #9, 3rd Shop lane, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bangalore District.
8. SRI. T. RAMESH S/o Sri. Huchhe Gowda. Aged about 53 years. R/at #303/3. 1st Main, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore District.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT No. 1 to 8
Whereas the above named Appellant in R. A. (A) No.273/2017-18 filed before the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore North Sub-Division at Bangalore has filed above Appeal petition against the above mentioned Respondents challenging the order passed by the Respondent No. 1 and 2 in R. A. No.14/2006-07 dated 16.09.2006 and II) M R No.14/2006-07 dated 08.04.2007, in respects of Agricultural land bearing Sy No.140/1 measuring 1 acre 20 Guntas, situated at Kothanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk and Bengaluru District, for set aside the said order and restore the name Appellant in revenue records.

Therefore you the Respondent No. 1 to 8 is hereby warned to appear in person or through pleader before the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore North Sub-Division at Bangalore on 15.03.2021 at 3.0' Clock in afternoon to answer the Appeal petition failing which the Appeal will be heard and determined ex parte. Given under my hand and seal of this authority on this 22.02.2021.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore North Sub-Division at Bangalore
Advocate for Appellant:
V. GIRI KUMAR, Advocate
No.39/2, Chamber No.65, 5th Floor,
A.S.V.N.V Bhavan, K G Road, Bangalore 09.

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Keishampat Junction, Imphal - 795001
Corporate Office: Electricity Complex, Patta No.1293 under 87(2), Khwai Bazar, Keishampat, Imphal - 795001, Manipur, INDIA. Fax: +91385 2450702; Tele: +91385 2450050

No.4/122/SLDC(P5DF)/2017/MSPL(PURCH)/P/3289-96 Imphal, the 25th February 2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(e-procurement / e-tender)

The Managing Director, Manipur State Power Company Ltd (MSPL) invites sealed bids online submission from eligible firms / company for the following works on turn-key basis.

Specification No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost (w/ GST & Custom Duty)	Cost of Tender Paper	Earnest Money Deposit	Last date of online submission of Bid through electronically mode	Due date of Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	Due date of Opening of Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4/2/20	33KV System Integration with SLDC system in Manipur on turnkey basis.	Rs. 17.71 Crore	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 10.00 Lakhs	20.03.2021 upto 4.30 pm	22.03.2021 at 2.00 pm	25.03.2021 at 2.00 pm

Bidding Document can be downloaded from the tender portal www.manipurntenders.gov.in. All correspondence / communication shall be made to: Managing Director, Manipur State Power Company Limited, Keishampat, Imphal - 795001, Manipur, India, Telephone No. 0385 245 0050, Fax No. 0385 2450702. For further details including amendments / modification / corrigendum / change in bidding programme, if any, please visit tender portal www.manipurntenders.gov.in regularly.

Sd/-
(N.Sard Singh)
Managing Director, MSPL

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details: Name Shri. V Parusurama
E-mail ID: racpc.bzi@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9449840057
Landline No.(office): 080-25943732

RACPC MALLESHWARAM(41161)
No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020. Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720.
Fax: 080 25943729/3730. Email id: racpc.bzi@sbi.co.in

Sale notice for sale of immovable property
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISOR RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgager and Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 17.03.2021 for recovery of Rs. 78,97,861/- (Rupees Seventy eight lakhs ninety seven thousand eight hundred and sixty one only) as on 23.02.2021 + interest from 24.02.2021 + costs, charges and incidental expenses to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from Sri. Phaniraju Kandukuri (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	E- Auction Date and Time	Last Date & Time to Submit EMD and KYC
1	Rs. 87,39,000/-	Rs. 87,39,000/-	Rs 1,00,000/-	17.03.2021 from 11.00am to 12.00pm	15.03.2021 Up to 4.00pm

Description of property:

Tender No: SBI/RACPC/MALL/EA/BFI/29 Title deed holder: Sri. Phaniraju Kandukuri
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No. 7/1A-150, 1st Cross Vidhanasouda layout, Lakshmidhevinagara, Laggere, Bangalore 560096, earlier formed in converted Sy. No. 7/1A, vide conversion order No. ALN(N)CR/128/2011-12, dated 02.03.2012 by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Laggere Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits having BBMP ward No. 42, measuring 26136 Sq ft and bounded on: East by: Sy No. 10, Thimmaiah's land, West by: Remaining land in same Sy No. 7/1A, North by: Road and remaining portion of Sy No. 7/1B, South by: Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: Item No. 1: 555.17 Sq ft, undivided share of land, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property out of 26,136 Sq ft.
Item No. 2: 632.07 Sq ft, undivided share of land, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property out of 26,136 Sq ft.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Item No. 1: 2 BHK flat bearing No. 310, (North facing) on the Third floor of the residential complex known as "RAINBOW RESIDENCY" having super built up area of 1054 Sq ft, constructed on 'A' Schedule property with vitrified flooring, flush doors, distemper and aluminum windows including one covered car parking place in still floor, together with proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, staircases, lift and other areas of Common use in Schedule 'A' Property.

Item No. 2: 2 BHK flat bearing No.311 (Western facing) on the Third floor of the residential complex known as "RAINBOW RESIDENCY" having super built up area of 1200 Sq ft and exclusive usage area of 210 Sq. ft constructed on 'A' Schedule property with vitrified flooring, flush Doors, distemper and aluminum windows including one covered car parking place in still floor, together with proportionate share in common area, passages, lobbies, staircases, lift and other areas of Common use in Schedule 'A' Property.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, RACPC MALLESHWARAM (41161) No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020 during office hours, Ph: 080-25943732, 25943720, or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, BFI Factoring Services Pvt. Ltd. Sri. Anjan Kumar Cell No. 8660590654 during office hours, and also may contact the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon at the web portal (<https://bankeuctions.com>). Helpline e-mail ID: support@bankeuctions.com, karnataka@c1india.com for any information on procedure of e-auction.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in and <https://bankeuctions.com>

Date : 26.02.2021	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru	State Bank of India RACPC BZ-1, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru

IndusInd Bank LTD.
1-10-72, 3rd floor, Ashoka Janardhana Chambers, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016, Ph: (040) 40916229

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

Take notice that IndusInd Bank Limited, has issued a notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("the Act"). The notice was duly sent to the addressees by Speed Post with acknowledgement due which returned undelivered by post office. The contents of which are being published herewith as per the Section 13(2) of the Act read with Section 13(8) & 13(13) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and by way of alternate service upon you. Details of the Borrowers, Guarantors, Securities, Outstanding Dues, Demand Notice Sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

1) M/s. SRG Marketing (Rep.by its proprietor) Muniraju farm, shed no.3.No.1.2.3.4, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Puttenahalli, Bangalore 560078. (2) Mr. S. Malleash Kumar, S/o. Late Sundara Raju, No. 848, 11th Main, RBI Layout, JP Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore 560078. Also at: No.1/A, 1st main, 3rd Cross, K R Layout, JP Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore 560078. Also at: Flat No. 203 & 403, Sri Krishna Excel Stone, Second Floor & 4th Floor, Block B, Wing C, Sri Krishna Excel Stone, Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk -560087. (2) Mrs. Geetha, W/o. Late Sundara Raju, No. 848, 11th Main, RBI Layout, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore 560078. Also at: Plot No.16-B, B-Block, Krishna Kuteera, Site No. 12/78 Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, East Taluk, Bangalore-560066. (3) M/s. SRG Marketing (Rep.by its proprietor) Muniraju farm, shed no.3.No.1.2.3.4, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Puttenahalli, Bangalore 560078.

Description of financial assistance: Term Loan Rs.55.94 Lakhs

Amount Due: as on 14-02-2021 Outstanding amount is Rs.59,07,826.77/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and Seventy Seven Paise Only) together with further interest at documented rate from 15.02.2021 to the date of payment and other applicable costs.

Common collateral Security for M/s. S R G Marketing & Mr. S. Malleash Kumar S/o. Late Sundara Raju

Sale Deed No and Date	Name of the Owner of Property	Property Situated at	Sy.No.	Flat No. & Floor	Undivided share	Extent of Flat	Boundaries of Flat
4131 of 2018-19, dated 02-08-2018	Mr. S. Malleash Kumar, S/o. Mr. Sundara Raju	SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE, Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore	73/5(1) Acre 17 Guntas & 73/6(21) Guntas	Flat no. 203, 2nd Floor	310 Sq Feet	1157 Square Feet	East by :Open to Sky,West by :Corridor,North by :Open to Sky,South by :Open to Sky.
4132 of 2018-19, dated 02-08-2018				Flat no. 403, 4th Floor	310 Sq Feet	1157 Square Feet	East by:Open to Sky,West by :Corridor,North by:Open to Sky, South by:Open to Sky

OPEN PLOTS

Sale Deed No and Date	2416 of 2019-20, dated 26-06-2019	2418 of 2019-20, dated 26-06-2019	2419 of 2019-20, dated 26-06-2019	2422 of 2019-20, dated 26-06-2019	6153 of 2017-18, dated 12-10-2018
	Name of the Owner of Property : Mr. S. Malleash Kumar, S/o. Mr. Sundara Raju				
	Property Situated at : Nagadevnahalli village, Kengeri, Bangalore South Taluk				
Plot Nos	12	14	13	11	31
Sy. No.			130		
Katha No	578/537/20/12	578/537/20/14	578/537/20/13	578/537/20/11	
Extent	1211 Sq.ft	1701 Sq.ft	1760 Sq.ft	1210.95 Sq.ft	1200.46 Sq.ft
Boundaries of Plots	East by: Site No.11, West by: Site No.10, North by: Site No.13, South by: Site No.14 & 15, South by: Road.	East by: Site No.21, West by: Site No.15, North by: Road, South by: Site No.11 & 12.	East by: Site No.12, West by: Road, North by: Site No.15 & 16, South by: Road.	East by: Site No.10, West by: Site No.12, North by: Site No.14, South by: Road.	East by: Site No.30, West by: Road, North by: Site No.12, South by: Site No.26 & 27.

You the borrower/s and Co-Borrower/s are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned herein above in full within 60 days of the notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the Act to Enforce with above mentioned Securities. Please note that as per section 13 (13) of the said Act, you are restrained from transferring the above referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.

Date : 15.02.2021, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, IndusInd Bank Ltd.

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004.
Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PRE SALE STATUTORY NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 READ WITH SUB-SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 SARFAESI ACT AMENDED AS ON DATE FOR FIRST E-PUBLIC/PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET.

Whereas, Sri Radhakrishna S. Bhadi, No. 67/1, Gurudatta Layout, 5th Cross, Dattatreyanagar, Hosakerehalli, BSK III Stage, Bangalore - 560 085 and Smt. Bhavani Y.C., No. 67/1, Gurudatta Layout, 5th Cross, Dattatreyanagar, Hosakerehalli, BSK III Stage, Bangalore - 560 085 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004. The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is Rs. 60,82,016/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand and Sixteen Only) due and payable amount as on 30.06.2020 with further interest + cost along with interest at the applicable rate.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	DATE, TIME & PLACE OF AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE & EMD AMOUNT
All that Piece and Parcel of residential property bearing No. 67, BBMP Khattha No. 385/388/67-6/1/6/2 situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the purview of BBMP Ward No. 160 measuring East to West 20 Ft. and North to South 35 Ft. in all totally measuring 700 Sq.ft. together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by : Eastern portion of Site No. 67, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 65, South by: Road.	Friday, 19-03-2021 at 12.30 PM Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Shankarpuram, Bangalore.	Rs. 75,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Only) EMD: Rs. 7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:

- Details of the property to be auctioned can be obtained from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., No. 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. (Ph. 080-22956403/404) on all working days during office hours.
- The intending bidders should remit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order / RTGS shall be drawn in favour of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore after the date of publication of this auction Sale Notice.
- The EMD will be accepted on the previous day of the auction that is from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road Branch, Bangalore and latest by 19-03-2021 before 10.00 AM.
- The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price.
- In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest.
- The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft / RTGS vide RTGS No. 002016100000001 and IFSC Code MVCB0000002 and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
- The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
- The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
- The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 9.30 AM and 5.00 PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule.
- The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" and terms stipulated under securitization Act 2002. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., # 109, Corporate Office, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004 or Branch Manager (Mob: 9480885373), Shankarmutt Road Branch, during office hours for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Ph: 080-22956405/420/419/403/404), E-Mail: smr.branch@vcb.co.in

Place : Bangalore
Date : 25-02-2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, hitherto known as Keerthana Srinivasan, residing at No.22A, 16th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore 560024, have changed my name to **Keerthana Akash Dubey** vide affidavit dated 25/02/2021 sworn before notary Smt. Rajamani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUSHTAQ ABDULL RAHAMAN AALUM**, Son of Abdull Rahaman, resident of No. 28, New No. 25, 5th Main, Bannerghatta Road, Bismilla Nagar, Bangalore - 560029, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to **MUSHTAQ AALUM**, for all purposes vide affidavit dated 25/02/2021 before Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SACHIN URAL**, aged about 23 years and R/A No. 261, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, B.H.C.S Layout, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **U. SACHIN URAL** to **SACHIN URAL**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SACHIN URAL** only, vide affidavit dated 26-02-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.C. CHOWDE GOWDA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SWATHI D/o. UMAKANTH alias DEVNE SWATHI, D/o. DEVNE UMAKANTH**, aged 29 years, R/A No.738 Near Basaveshwara Circle, Kamalnagar District Bidar-585 417, declare that both above names pertaining to one and same person only. Vide affidavit dated 26.02.2021 before notary Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Bangalore-62.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **MARY STELLA**, residing at No. 3, 1st Main Road, New Bagalur Layout, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-84, I have changed my name from (OLD NAME) **MARY STELLA** to (NEW NAME)

ASHWINI M SRIPAD

IF you observe an unreserved compartment in a train, you would get a fair idea of what reservation (in jobs and education) is like today. The Unreserved General Class (as it is referred to) is for the underprivileged or those unable to secure tickets in the sleeper class. Once in, they get to the same destination as those privileged occupying seats and berths in other compartments with confirmed tickets. Equality lies in the opportunity to reach the destination, in making the journey with the others, albeit with much lesser comfort. But when more numbers of the underprivileged rush into the unreserved general class to make the journey, several are left out, deprived of the journey itself.

This is what is happening to castes and sub-castes over reservation in jobs and education. The concept of reservation – initially aimed at ensuring equality and social justice in society – today, ironically, threatens those very human rights. This makes it imperative to have a re-look at the reservation policy and equip the youth with higher skills and talents to prepare them for jobs in the private sector, especially in the face of privatisation where reservation has no scope.

The demand of Panchamasali subject of the Lingayat community, which saw over five lakh people rallying in Bengaluru last week demanding to be considered for category 2A from their present 3B reservation category, has triggered concerns. Everyone wants a piece of the pie, and as more demand it, the share of each is likely to diminish.

In Karnataka, there is a 50 per cent cap on reservations. There are concerns over increasing number of castes and communities demanding higher share of reservation demanding a higher category.

For reservation, castes have been divided into seven categories – Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Category I, Category 2A, Category 2B, Category 3A, and Category 3B. Each category has a set of castes. There are a total of 154 castes under SC and ST, constituting 18 per cent. Under Category-I, there are 95 castes, and is considered on par with SC/STs. Most of them are nomads and Other Backward Castes. However, barely 23 castes out of 95 are availing reservation and



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a large number are yet to get the fruits of it.

Category 2B is for Muslims. Under 3A, there are three castes – Vokkaligas, Baligas and Bunts. They are agriculturists and considered Backward Category. Under 3B, there are Lingayats, Jains, Christians and other communities. Under Category 2A, which has 102 castes and 15 per cent reservation, only the creamy layer is availing of benefits. It is considered 'more backward'. They comprise artisans who make pots, jewellery, utensils, wood works and more. Now, Panchamasalis, who are mainly agriculturists, want to be included in 2A, meant for artisans.

But, experts say, technically it is not possible to consider Panchamasalis' demand. "This is purely politically motivated. They say many in their community are economically backward. But reservation is provided not to eradicate poverty but for social justice. The demand of Panchamasalis and other castes for reservation under higher categories is not correct," says an expert, requesting anonymity.

THE IMPACT

After the Panchamasali demand, pontiffs and 90 lakh members of the Ganiga subject of the same Lingayat community, have demanded ST and OBC status. Ganiga seer Kallinatha Mahaswami says, "Since ages, the people from our sect are oil-mongers or oil pressers. With the development of technology, the traditional way of extracting oil has vanished, pushing people of our sect to depend on odd-jobs, and

are struggling to come into the mainstream. So, we are demanding the ST tag, where we will get more benefits."

Madigas, Kabbaligas, Gangamathas and Kolis are also demanding the ST tag for higher benefits. Niranjan MA, a senior advocate in Madikeri, says the increased number of dominant



communities in the state demanding reservation under 2A will affect the downtrodden in the backward communities. "The Centre thought it fit to include the economically backward sections among all castes under a new bracket as this would bring social justice. But the current situation where more dominant communities want to be clubbed with the backward section will affect the privileges of backward communities and most-deprived sections of society," he says.

CS Dwarakanath, former commissioner, Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission, says, "Fifteen per cent of reservation is provided under Category 2A and there are over 102 communities who are divided into most backward, more backward and backward. Mostly powerful communities are getting the benefits of the reservation here, while 70 per cent of the communities on the

QUOTA PIE IN KARNATAKA

Caste	Reservation in percentage	No. of castes
Scheduled Castes	15	101
Schedule Tribes	3	53
Category I	4	95
Category 2A	15	102
Category 2B	4	1*
Category 3A	4	3
Category 3B	5	6

*(Only for Muslims)



lection, administration and management of employees differs from the government sector. It will be the same even in privatised government institutions," he says.

"Demanding reservation is politically oriented. Few leaders demand reservation for their political benefit, but they should stop giving false assurances. The government should not include any caste to the existing reservation. If it wants to provide reservation both for education and employment, it has to set up a committee to find out the criteria of reservation," he says.

Dr Sudhir Raj K, professor at Justice KS Hegde Institute of Management, Nitte, opines that there is a need to revisit the reservation system. "Reservation on the basis of just caste cannot solve the problem. If reservation demands by various caste groups are not handled carefully, it may threaten governance in the state, and bring development programmes to a halt," he says.

"We need to change the mindset. Now we are witnessing increasing privatisation. That means we should stand on our merit. Reservation will take a back seat. We need to deliver and create value through our performance," he adds.

Dwarkanath points to over 97 per cent of jobs being in the private sector where there is no scope for reservation, while quota is applicable to only 3 per cent of jobs in the government sector. With increasing privatisation, the scope for reservation could shrink in future – which is why there is widespread resentment over privatisation.

Inputs from
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Mahesh Goudar/ Vijayapura;
Prajna GR/Madikeri;
Ramkrishna Badeshi/
Kalaburagi; Prakash
Samaga, Udipi; Divya
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Kannada

KEEPING TRACK

Data to be uploaded on NTCA portal

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IN case of border areas, the data will be shared to ensure there is no duplication and it will be sent to the Wildlife Institute of India for tabulation. To discuss the route map for the census and the plan ahead, a two-day long meeting of chief wildlife wardens of the southern zone tiger range states and field directors of tiger reserves was held on February 24-25 in Udhagamandalam, Tamil Nadu.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife) Subhash Malkhede, who represented Karnataka at the meeting, told *The New Sunday Express* that it was decided to have more online data entry and computing rather than offline.

He added that a proposal is being sent to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) seeking more smartphones, range finders, compasses and other equipment required for the census.

The data collected will be directly uploaded on the NTCA portal, instead of first noting down on sheets and then uploading the data manually.

The aim of the census will be to increase accuracy in data collection and assessment so that there is less deviation, and this was discussed at the meeting too, he said.

‘SSLC timetable in day or two’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister **S Suresh Kumar** said here on Saturday that the final timetable for the SSLC exams will be announced in a day or two.

Stating that the government is keen to start offline classes for Classes 1 to 5, Kumar said that he will hold discussions with the Technical Advisory Committee of the health department.

"We were ready to start from March 1, but we backed out due to a spike in Covid cases in Kerala and Maharashtra," he added.

In a major jolt to the prosecution side in the actor Dileep abduction case, the Additional Special Sessions Court observed that the allegation against him on influencing witnesses was mere guesswork

TAMIL NADU POLLS

Seat sharing: AIADMK, PMK seal the deal

Ruling party allots 23 seats to ally; EPS to speak to Union Minister Amit Shah today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

JUST a day after the election dates were announced, the ruling AIADMK sealed the deal with its ally PMK by allotting the latter 23 seats. The allocation was announced by party coordinator O Panneerselvam in the presence of Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, and senior PMK leaders GK Mani and Anbumani Ramadoss among others. Identification of constituencies would be completed soon, he said. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Anbumani said his party had settled for a lesser number of seats as the AIADMK had fulfilled a key demand – separate reservation for Vanniyan community. He expressed confidence in Palaniswami returning to office. Couple of hours after this development, senior AIADMK leaders SP Velumani, P Thangamani, and KP Munusamy called on DMDK founder Vijayakanth.

Earlier in the day, according to agency reports, a delegation of senior BJP leaders – including union minister Kishan Reddy, State chief L Murugan, and party's national in-charge for TN CT Ravi – held talks with Palaniswami and Panneerselvam. Addressing the media later, Murugan said his party had identified "60 winnable seats" and the final numbers would be arrived upon soon. Sources said Palaniswami and Panneerselvam are likely to call on Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday to finalise the agreement.

During the last session of the Assembly of Tamil Nadu Speaker P Dhanapal, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and Deputy CM O Panneerselvam recalled how they rose from their humble beginnings.



Third front in the making?

IS a third front slowly brewing in Tamil Nadu? Giving rise to speculations, actor-turned-politician R Sarath Kumar, founder of All India Samathuva Makkal Katchi (AISMK), met with Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) chief Kamal Haasan on Saturday. The meeting assumes significance as it comes just a day after AISMK left the AIADMK alliance to join hands with entrepreneur TR Pachamuthu's IJK, which bid farewell to the DMK combine on the same day. On Saturday, IJK representatives accompanied Sarath Kumar, when he went to Kamal's office. Kumar visited the latter's office along with Indhiya Jananayaga Katchi (IJK) representatives, with whom he had forged an alliance a day ago.

EXPRESS READ

Youth held with fake notes

Bengaluru: Chikkajala police arrested a 24-year-old man for circulating fake currency notes near Sadahalli Gate on Friday. The accused, Ravi Singh, hails from Rajasthan and was staying in Byatarayanapura in the city. **ENS**

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building No.4, 2nd Floor,
Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.
CORRESPONDENT
TRC No.427/2017 In OA No. 830/2011
UCO Bank Vs. M/s A.R.R. Builders &
Developers & Others
Reference to the advertisement Sale
Proclamation published in Indian Express
dated 26.02.2021, read the UCO Bank, AGM
Contact Number as 9446594775
Other contents of the notice remains same.
Sd/- Recovery Officer-2
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru

Declare cow a national animal: TTD Board to Central government

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirumala

THE Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Board of Trustees meeting on Saturday resolved to urge the Centre to declare cow (Gomatha) a national animal. TTD Chair man YV Subba Reddy, who presided over the meeting, said the resolution was adopted following overwhelming response from people to the Gudiko Gomatha scheme of TTD.

The meeting also decided to allow participation of devotees in all Arjitha Sevas at Sri Venkateswara temple from April 14. The TTD had stopped allowing devotees' participation in Arjitha Sevas on March 22, 2020 in view of Covid-19.



At present, all Arjitha Sevas are being performed in Ekantham at the temple though devotees were allowed to have darshan of the Lord in June last year. Devotees need to book Arjitha Seva tickets online to participate in the rituals.

Briefing media persons about the resolutions adopted in the TTD Trust Board meeting, Subba Reddy said devotees need to strictly adhere to Covid guidelines during their participation in Arjitha Sevas and furnish corona negative report after undergoing the test three days prior to their visit to Tirumala. It was decided to administer Covid vaccine to all the TTD employees. Thulabharam will be introduced at Sri Padmavathi temple at Tiruchanoor on the lines of Sri-

vari Thulabharam at Venkateswara temple, he said.

The board finalised the guidelines to bring other temples under the purview of TTD and extend financial aid to them through Sri Venkateswara Aalayana Nirmanam Trust (SRIVANI Trust). It was also resolved to evolve uniform guidelines for construction, lease and management of TTD Kalyana Mandapams. Steps will be taken to maintain the existing Kalyana Mandapams on sound lines. Six Veda Patasalas of TTD will be renamed as Sri Venkateswara Veda Vigyana Peetham, he said.

The TTD came forward to construct Venkateswara temple, Bhajan Mandir or Pilgrim Amenities Complex if the Ram Mandir Nirman Trust allots land for it in Ayodhya.

ON A WILD RUN

Tigress with a snare on neck spotted in Bandipur

ELUSIVE TIGER

Nagarhole Tiger Reserve staffers are planning a search operation to find the tiger wandering around Kodagu which has killed many cattle. The pressure on the forest department has increased as the locals claim that the tiger captured earlier is the wrong one. PCCF Gogi said that samples of the deceased humans with that of the blood of the tiger have been sent for DNA analysis. This will confirm if it is the same tiger or not.

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE tigress, which was first seen with a snare entangled in its neck in Kerala, is now spotted in Gundre range in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. That is not all, it is suspected that the tigress has now found a mate, as the camera traps show two animals.

Soon after the Bandipur staffers sighted the tigress, veterinarians and darters were alerted. But by the time they reached the spot, it was after sunset and the tigress had moved inside

again. While Kerala Chief Wildlife Warden has issued orders to capture the tigress, the staffers in Karnataka are divided. Some opine that since the tigress has found a mate, it is a sign that the animal is healthy and is able to fend for itself. But others feel that it should be captured as per orders.

BTR Director Natesh said that camera trap tails of the tigress and that of the tiger are being analysed. The images are also being compared with those from Kerala, to confirm

whether it is the same animal or not.

The BTR staffers had started combing operations a month and a half back and had installed more camera traps to capture the elusive wild cat. It was first caught on camera trap on February 25 and again on February 27.

Vijay Kumar Gogi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, told *TNSE* that the first priority was to capture and treat the tigress and remove the snare. Orders in this regard have been issued, he said.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Notice No. CE/PHE/NB/2-452/2019
dated 27.02.2021
It is hereby notified that e-tender process for the following works has been initiated – Manipur Water Supply Project:
a) Providing Drinking Water Supply to other Towns (13 nos.), (works) Package: OIP P-M (W) b) Providing Drinking Water Supply to other Towns (12 nos.), (works) Package: OIP P-VI (W) ; c) Providing Drinking Water Supply to Rural Area of Manipur Works Package: RWS P-III (W); d) Providing Drinking Water Supply to Rural Area of Manipur Works Package: RWS P-IX (W); e) Providing Drinking Water Supply to Rural Area of Manipur, Works Package: RWS P-X (W) f) Providing Drinking Water Supply to Rural Area of Manipur Works Package: RWS P-XI (W) The details can be obtained from the website: <http://manipurtender.gov.in>
Sd/- Chief Engineer
PHED Govt. of Manipur

Govt. of Bihar
Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Office of Director, Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda
Address: Old Block Office Building
Rajgir Block Road, Rajgir, Nalanda – 803116
Email ID: rajgirzoosafari@gmail.com Tel: 06112-295127
Notice Inviting Tender
Short Notice Tender No. 10/2020-21
Separate Bids are invited from registered Indian Suppliers (Manufacturers (OEMs)/ Authorized Distributors/ Dealers/ Suppliers) for the supply of standard make battery operated cart or people mover with different variance 4/6/8/11 passenger seating capacity to be used in Rajgir Zoo Safari as per the specified item wise requirements and technical specifications.

Sl No	Scope of work	Cost of tender document (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rupees)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	5	6
01.	Supply of standard make battery operated cart or people mover with different variance with 4/6/8/11 passenger seating capacity to be used in Rajgir Zoo Safari.	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 1,00,000.00	For the Financial Year 2020-21 (Supply before 15 th March 2021)

Tender Schedule/Programme:

Sl. No.	Activity	Date/Time : Duration
1.	Last Date/Time for Submission of offer/Bid	13.03.2021 Up to 11:00 a.m.
2.	Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid.	13.03.2021 at 12:00 p.m.
3.	Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Will be communicated on the date of Technical Bid opening.
4.	Contact person/Nodal Officer for queries	Director, Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda . Email: rajgirzoosafari@gmail.com Ph. No. 06112-295127/ 9931661971

- Tender Documents along with detailed descriptions of the item and Terms and Conditions of the Tender can be purchased from office of Director, Rajgir Zoo Safari, Rajgir, Nalanda as well as it can be downloaded from www.forest.bih.nic.in.
- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) should be in the form of Demand Draft drawn from a Scheduled Bank in favour of Director, Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda and payable at Biharsharif.

For further details please visit website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Director,
Rajgir Zoo Safari, Nalanda
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PSU PRIVATISATION: WHY NOW AND WHY IT MATTERS

PRIVATISATION, the 13-letter politically combustible phrase, the Jimmy Amarnath of India's unfinished reforms agenda, has made yet another comeback into popular discourse. Typically, through history, the phrase and the idea of privatisation waxed and waned with political expediency. Derived from the German word 'privatisierung', used in 19th Century Austria, the construct acquired currency during the Thatcher era. Privatisation arrived in India's political economy along with the 1991 bailout conditionalities, and has since yo-yoed in and out of favour.

What makes its appearance in 2021 significant is that the idea has moved beyond mere jaw-boning. It finds mention in the Budget speech and, more importantly, has acquired political heft following the explicit articulation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last Wednesday when he declared 'government has no business being in business.'

It is not the first time Modi has uttered the Thatcherism. In a 2012 interview, the then Gujarat Chief Minister, speaking on the role of government, had said exactly that and wooed middle class imagination. Indeed, a few months after taking over, Modi reiterated the mantra to CEOs at the USIBC meet in Washington.

The words didn't quite translate into privatisation. Indeed, for the 34 entities identified by the Niti Aayog, the phrase used was strategic disinvestment. The number of operating CPSEs has gone up from 236 in 2014 to 249 in 2019 — and since 2016 the only big tag disinvestment of a public sector unit has been that of HPCL to the government-owned ONGC.

So as the Americans would say 'what gives', what accounts for the shift in language and strategy, the re-convening of the idea? The answer to why now is illustrated by the politics of economics. Economic policy under Modi is not anchored in any particular ideology but is rather entrepreneurial — it rests on the linear coefficient of possibilities and political dividends.

After the setback in Bihar and Delhi polls, following the jibe of suit-boot ki sarkar, Modi expanded welfare economics and wrapped it in Hindutva politics. In 2021, the BJP is better placed in the Rajya Sabha and the opposition is emasculated. The conversion of the 2014 popular mandate into popular authorisation allows political entrepreneurship.

The shift is driven by economic realities. Why privatisation matters now is embedded in the detailing of Budget 2021 documents. The gap between the government's income and expenditure shot up from ₹7.96 lakh crore to ₹18.48 lakh crore and is expected to be capped at ₹15.06 lakh crore. To bridge the deficit, the government will borrow ₹12 lakh crore this year — that is, around ₹3,287 crore a day or ₹136 crore an hour every day.

Worsening the picture is the skew in the revenue model — one item, taxes on petro products, which has caused justifiable outrage, is the single biggest source of revenue accounting for collections of over ₹5 lakh crore. The inflationary consequences were spelt out by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

And although the economy is ostensibly on a path of recovery — assuming there are no socio-economic disasters ahead — the level of borrowings and deficit will hurt cost competitiveness and economic growth. To pave a path towards a low-cost high-growth economy, the government must cut its borrowings and shrink debt and deficit levels. And the moolah mantra is obviously privatisation. It affords the monetisation of assets, caps erosion of public wealth, frees resources for human and physical infrastructure and promises the upside of enhanced growth as enterprise productivity improves.

It is instructive to know how China migrated from abject poverty to prosperity. It sequenced its reforms for growth — it first modernised its agriculture, opened FDI into real sector and captured global trade. When India attained Independence, it liberated political rights but shackled economic liberties. Post 1991, it opened up the financial sector but constrained FDI in manufacturing. It joined GATT and then WTO without acquiring the bandwidth to meet competition. And till recently it kept farming, its largest private sector, under fetters. The consequences are manifest in the data on income and inequality.

Context is critical for policy — particularly, the interplay of global finance and geopolitics. Global interest rates are hovering between zero and one per cent. Money is chasing returns — evident from portfolio flows to emerging economies. A McK-insey study estimates a fifth of \$ 4 trillion of goods exports is expected to shift supply base in five years. It is, therefore, critical to view the paradigm shift in policy — whether it is farm laws, productivity-linked schemes, opening up of FDI, new code for labour laws and privatisation — through the prism of India's necessities and global opportunities.

The confluence of policy reforms represents systemic risk. It calls for herding of politics past competing compulsions and contradictions. My book 'Accidental India' proved India's transformation from penury to potential of prosperity was propelled by crises. As it comes out of the health and economic crisis, the world will find itself in the cusp of mega disruptions. The emerging challenge is also an opportunity and affords India a shot at shifting orbits.

ANANDAVALLI DIFFERS FROM ADITYANATH

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

INTROSPECTION has caught me. Week after week, I criticise our leaders. Is this right? After all, they are in power because they have the support of a majority of citizens. If I dislike them, it means I am in a minority. In the democracy that is India, the minority must yield to the majority. That is, I must swallow my minority view and submit to the majority view.

But minority opinions also must have their place in the sun. That is why I feel good about Anandavalli, a sweeper who became president of the block panchayat in Pathanapuram, Kerala. Her official designation was "casual sweeper". When a casual sweeper became president, local bureaucrats had difficulty accepting her. It didn't take them long to realise that their stand was untenable and that Sweeper Anandavalli becoming President Anandavalli was a fact of life they simply had to accept.

This kind of reality is unthinkable in

Yogi Adityanath's terrain. The dominance the caste system continues to have in most parts of northern India is peculiar to the north. True, there are places in Tamil Nadu where prehistoric caste distinctions still exist. But that is no reason to ignore the differences between the north and the south. A sweeper turning panchayat president is a phenomenon Yogi Adityanath's India will not accept.

The acceptable standards there are different. Not long ago, sweepers and ward boys were assigned the jobs of doctors and nurses in the district government hospital in Bulandshahr, UP. It was a legitimate adjustment if we accept the authorities' way of looking at it. The chief medical officer of the district said sweepers and ward boys were assigned responsibilities only because there was a shortage of staff. In other words, if a doctor has failed to turn up, the ward boy can do a heart transplant. India grows from strength to strength because of its reliance on the basic principle of life — *chalta hai*.

Recall what happened in a Madhya Pradesh hospital in 2009. Ram Charan Balmiki was a sweeper at the district

hospital in Sagar. One day he performed an operation on a three-year-old child who had a problem on the neck. Balmiki claimed he acted on the doctor's orders. The doctor said he only asked Balmiki to prepare for the surgery. The child's parents said that things were all right for the present, but they were worried about what could happen in the future. If something went wrong, they would have to take their child to hospital again, this time making sure that the child is attended to by a doctor, not a sweeper or a gate watchman. The details that call for attention in India are astonishing.

So, I keep watching, looking for something that I can feel happy about, something that won't make me criticise our leaders. I look for something I can praise. I look for the slightest opportunity to sing hallelujah for the wisdom, the foresight, the patriotism and the prudence of our leaders. I am looking. I'll keep looking.

The key to happiness is to see something good in whatever happens. Better still if you can see humour in everything. There must have been wisdom in the rulers of old appointing court jest-

ers. In modern times, too, a bit of jesting enlivens any court. Even Ronald Reagan understood that. When he was lying on the operating table, he looked at the doctors around and said, "I hope you are all Republicans."

Our Ministry of Culture recently did something which, if taken seriously, will make most of us worried. But if taken as a joke, it can be enjoyed by all. This was a formal announcement by the Ministry which said: "Tribute to a profound thinker M S Golwalkar on his birth anniversary." It underlined the main point: "His thoughts will remain a source of inspiration and continue to guide generations." As Mitali Saran pointed out, this is a free country and you can say anything. "JNU is a *tukde-tukde* gang, Kashmiris are terrorists, Muslims are traitors, liberals are communists, communists are anti-national," and so on.

I'll let her have the last word. "It takes only the merest few strands of saffron to yellow a whole pot of biryani... And thus it is that we have gone from an imperfect but pluralist democracy to a puffed-up State that is dangerously megalomaniacal and insecure."

ENSURE FAIR AND DEMOCRATIC CAPITALISM



POWER & POLITICS

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THE Wizard of Words is back at it again. Last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi went where no other prime minister has gone before. "The government has no business being in business," he declared. He swore that "the culture of abusing the private sector is not acceptable any longer. We cannot keep insulting our youth like this." Using trademark disruptive and neoteric political philosophy, Modi has unsettled the settled model of governance. The art of the unexpected is what you can always expect from him.

Has *vikas*-ology returned, now that Lord Ram's saga has finally found its rightful place in Ayodhya's sacred gestalt? Modinomics will now define the contours of Modism. By his words and actions, Modi has become an ideology that defines cultural nationalism and democratic capitalism. His binary belief is that there are two Modis — head of the government and head of the nation.

In the first, he is a staunch Leftist who believes in ensuring direct transfer of monetary assistance and services to marginal farmers, women, labourers and unemployed youth. As a national leader, he aggressively promotes private entrepreneurship. Modi is perhaps putting minimum government, maximum governance back on the table. Only Modi could make such a major ideological shift from the practice of his predecessors who were wary of being publicly associated with corporate captains, let alone espousing their cause ferociously. Even his staunch admirers are shocked by his new pro-business posture at a time when the Congress is accusing his government of promoting crony capitalism. But those who know Modi aver that conviction is not a matter of convenience for him. He rarely cares about what others say about his decisions when he feels he has

acted properly in the public interest.

In fact, Modi is following Margaret Thatcher's path when she was the British prime minister in the early 1980s. Thatcher came in at a point when Labour had run the economy into the ground. She was ardently pro-privatisation. She wrote in her biography that it is essential for "reversing the corrosive and corrupting effects of socialism". The sale of many British public enterprises hid her real objective to dismantle the socialist scourge. Thatcher gave respectability to the word 'privatisation' as her government supervised giant government corporations such as British Airways, British Telecom, British Steel, and British Gas. Her economics and politics have come to be known as Thatcherism.

Modi is on his way to create Modism — a unique combo of a capitalist bulwark with a Socialist heart. During the past six years, his government has moved fast to sell selective rail lines and routes, airports, national highway projects and power distribution contracts to private players. It has now allowed the government to do business with private banks. It is planning to minimise the number of public banks, ensure dilution of equities in LIC and privatise numerous Public Sector Undertakings. The Prime Minister was dismissive of the bureaucracy running government undertakings — "Babus cannot do everything. An IAS cannot run a fertiliser factory, a chemical factory or fly a plane. What do we want to achieve by giving the country in the hands of babus?"

The majority of the 250 odd PSUs are making large losses. Some exist only on paper since they do no business. Modi has rolled out a unique blueprint to deal with government corporations. Since all PSUs are sitting on humongous land banks, he has directed relevant ministries to 'monetise and modernise.' Simply put — modernise viable public corporations to monetise their output in the future. The PM's ultimate objective is to collect money by divesting PSUs and investing the funds in public welfare schemes. He has refrained from imposing high taxes on corporates. Corporate tax is currently at the lowest in India's recent history in contrast with personal income tax whose slabs are quite high.

However, excessive faith in private enterprise is a double-edged sword. The PM must have convinced himself that should the de-nationalised sector betray his trust, it would pay a heavy



Privatisation without an effective deterrent is a threat to the political and economic stability of democracy. Sadly, India followed the Western self-regulatory mechanism model without invoking accountability from the regulators. In the West, all regulators are answerable to elected bodies like Parliament or Congress

price. Unrestricted and unregulated capitalism has never brought equitable distribution of wealth created by capitalist czars. In India, the gap between the rich and the poor has widened since 1991.

Private management of public services and trade sounds quite titillating. But in a country where a little less than one third of the population lives below the poverty line, the denial of affordable health services, housing, public transport and more aggrandisement by corporates fuel public outrage. Ever since the economy was opened up to the private sector and FDI in the '90s, the cost of public services has shown a dangerous vertical trend.

Capitalism is for capitalists since they decide the terms of trade. With high cost operations, they inflate the prices of products and services. For example, as part of its reforms process, the government had allowed the private sector to operate the Indian insurance business. While public corporations were offering policies at reasonable premiums, private companies are arbitrarily enhancing the cost of their financial products. Health insurance is unafford-

able. India is perhaps the only country where senior citizens above 65 are either not provided health insurance or are forced to buy for very high amounts.

Even auto insurance companies have been hiking premiums during the past few years even as the percentage of claims kept falling. If a vehicle owner claims reimbursement for repairs, the company increases the next yearly premium by almost half. Private banks are now charging their clients for every service which public sector banks have been offering for free. Airlines are fleecing passengers by charging over ₹10,000 for a one-way flight lasting less than 45 minutes. Private players who manipulate the stock market exploit small and retail investors.

Privatisation without an effective deterrent is a threat to the political and economic stability of democracy. Sadly, India followed the Western self-regulatory mechanism model without invoking accountability from the regulators. In the West, all regulators are answerable to elected bodies like Parliament or Congress. Their conduct and actions are heavily scrutinised by lawmakers. But none of the Indian regulators from SEBI, TRAI, IRDAI to PFRDA can be questioned by public institutions. Created by an act of Parliament, each one is expected to look after the interests of the public. Instead, all they do is protect corporate bottom lines. More shady sultans of private enterprise have gone AWOL with public money than heads of public sector entities.

Moreover, if the government is withdrawing from doing business, it must also ensure that business does not interfere in the government's business. Since the private sector depends on the government for orders and concessions, it must be held culpable for mismanagement and misadventures. The principle of privatisation of profits and public ownership of losses defeats the very idea of democratic capitalism. Thatcherism lost public endorsement because capitalism failed her.

The government should never abdicate its power to tame ardently avaricious capitalism. Pusillanimous public pandering to private piracy should alert the Pasha of Panaceas that 'business opportunities are like buses, there's always another one coming,' as Richard Branson quipped. Virgin opportunity is innovation's inspiration. Until the next quip from Modi the Master of Maxims upends established wisdom once again.

QUOTE CORNER

The United States government must re-evaluate and recalibrate the relationship with Saudi Arabia, given the findings of this report (on Jamal Khashoggi), which are part of a disturbing pattern of human rights abuses from the Kingdom

Nancy Pelosi, US House Speaker



It's hurtful to me when I realise that I made a big mistake (over Princess Latifa Al Maktoum). I've made mistakes before and that's the biggest one. I hope I'll never be in that situation again. I let my heart lead my head.

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland

We all know what the British press can be like, and it was destroying my mental health. I was like, this is toxic. So I did what any husband and what any father would do (of stepping back from the royal family)

Prince Harry, British royal

MAILBAG WRITE TO

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Bengal schedule stretched?

Compared to other states, the eight-phase election schedule in West Bengal looks definitely stretched even assuming that the CEC might have taken all inputs pertaining to security, violence etc. But then, it is imprudent if the EC is not allowed to do its duty. Look at the AP panchayat elections which created a hue and cry. It ended after the HC and the SC ruled in favour of holding the elections.

D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Oversmart Kerala BJP leader

Kerala BJP leader Sobha Surendran plays oversmart by welcoming the Muslim League into the NDA fold once again. Earlier too, Sobha's invite to Muslim League during an interview had caused confusion in the BJP. Later, BJP state president K Surendran rejected her statement. The Muslim League seems to be happy with the Biryani and Ghee rice

served by Congress in the UDF. Then why this futile exercise Ms Sobha Surendran?

K A Solaman, Alappuzha

Chameleons in power corridors

On the column 'Speaking to power from outside and inside' dated November 27, I would say that apart from the chameleon, only politicians are capable of changing colours. The very same party which had shouted from rooftops against the UPA government's attempts to gag free speech while in the opposition, is doing exactly what it had opposed earlier. Free speech, especially dissent, has become anti-national and seditious.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Water wars again

Water wars have come back to haunt Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, with Chief Minister Yediyurappa asking the Centre not to allow Tamil Nadu to go ahead with a river-linking project by building a canal from Cauvery to Vaigai-Gundar. While Karnataka reiterated it would not allow Tamil Nadu to use

surplus Cauvery water, Tamil Nadu has gone ahead with the project.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Manual scavenging goes on

This has reference to the news "Two more lives lost to manual scavenging". Though the Centre and the state governments are averring that manual scavenging has been abolished, we are reading about deaths in manholes. This is the third incident in February in the Tamil Nadu. The tepid penal measures on the persons who employed the poor workers seem ineffective. When advanced machinery such as Super Sucker vehicles are available, why manual labour is engaged!

R Sridharan, Chennai

EC priority is fair Bengal polls

It would have been better for the West Bengal chief minister to positively take the election schedule instead of putting aspersions on the credibility and impartiality of the Election Commission. Considering the volatile situation in Bengal where political

rivalry has reached to the disastrous fall out of violence, there was no other way for the Commission but prefer such a long schedule. After all, it is the duty of the Election Commission to see that free and fair elections are held in a peaceful manner in the state.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

National unity is primary

To raise voice against any so called 'undesired policy decisions' of the government, or praise some 'long-desired policy initiatives' of the Union or state governments is the fundamental right of people. No one, including the central government, is against the use of such free expression of views. But, when such dissent supports evil designs of some foreign organisations/ forces, it create threats to national unity, then 'freedom of speech' needs to be strictly checked. In view of such objective of maintaining national unity, all nation-loving people should come forward against such organisations/groups.

Dr Rajiv Kumar Sinha, Bhagalpur



TWEETS
OF THE
DAY



Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
Petrol, diesel, flour have all become expensive. By stopping the tricks, reduce the burden of common man by bringing inflation down



Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Is there any place where you get the daily necessities and do not feel that the government is robbing you?



Prakash Javadekar @PrakashJavadekar
This is typical Congress. Pithvira Chavan criticises election schedule and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury welcomes it

Maha mulls train, mall shutdown

Fresh coronavirus fear grips state as positive case tally crosses 8,000 for fourth straight day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

IN view of rising Covid-19 cases, Maharashtra government is thinking of curtailing local train services, shutting down malls and weekly markets for a while.

Vijay Wadettiwar, relief and rehabilitation minister, said that positive cases are rising in Mumbai and the government is planning to stop certain services which had been restarted a few weeks ago.

The government has already extended the lockdown in five districts of the Vidarbha region where positive cases are rising. Except for essential services, everything including hostels, restaurants, malls and markets will be shut in these districts. In Amaravati, lockdown has been extended by seven more days. Public movement has also been restricted. If seen on the road, explanations are sought.

Amaravati has witnessed a high number of positive cases. In the last five days, it has recorded 4061 new cases and 32



Beds lined up at Nesco Covid care centre, amid concerns over surge in cases at Goregaon in Mumbai on Saturday | PTI

deaths. Maharashtra's higher and technical education minister Uday Samant said that this year, college exams will be conducted online and off-line. "Students will have to choose which format they want. Both options are available," said the minister.

Samant added that polytechnic and engineering exams will be conducted online.

On Saturday, Maharashtra

reported 8623 new cases and 51 deaths. A total of 87,299 tests were conducted. This was the fourth straight day that the tally of positive tests crossed 8000. Total death toll in the state is 52,092.

Mumbai reported 987 cases and four deaths, taking its case tally to 3,24,866, and death toll to 11,470. The Mumbai division overall reported 1,823 new cases, which took its caseload to

7,23,995 while eight deaths in the region pushed the fatality count to 19,816.

"The virus has now spread to most of the cities and districts. For instance, Akola division today reported 1,364 cases. All its parts including Akola district, Akola city, Amravati district and city, Yavatmal, Buldhana and Washim have reported infections in three digits," said an official.

Cabinet secretary advises states to refocus on surveillance, containment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba on Saturday chaired a high-level review meeting with chief secretaries of states reporting surge in Covid-19 cases and advised them to refocus on surveillance and stringent containment in selected districts reporting reduced tests, high positivity and increased cases.

The states where the number of coronavirus cases have gone up worryingly include Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh,

West Bengal, Telangana and Jammu & Kashmir.

Six of these states, Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat have shown a surge in new cases in the last 24 hours as per the details shared by the Union health ministry.

Maharashtra continues to report the highest daily new cases at 8,333. It is followed by Kerala with 3,671 while Punjab reported 622 new cases in the last 24 hours. In the last two weeks, Maharashtra has shown

the highest rise in active cases from 34,449 on February 14 to 68,810 currently.

A detailed presentation was made on the current status of Covid-19 in these states with a focus on districts reporting an increasing number of new cases, increasing trend in positivity and concerning testing trends.

This was followed by a review with all the states and some state bureaucrats informed about the enforcement of Covid appropriate behaviour.



PLEA JUNKED

A-G says no to contempt case against ex-CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ATTORNEY General K K Venugopal refused to grant sanction to activist Saket Gokhale to initiate contempt of court case against former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi for his statements against the judiciary and the Supreme Court.

Gokhale had sought AG Venugopal's sanction to initiate contempt proceedings against Justice Gogoi for his remarks made at a media event that Indian judiciary is ramshackled and it is unlikely for a person to get a verdict from courts on time.

The top law officer said that while Justice Gogoi's statements are strong and reflected his frustration with the ills of the judiciary, it was said for the good of the institution and will not scandalise or lower the authority of the judiciary.

"I had the occasion to watch the entirety of the interview. It is obvious that all that has been said was for the good of the institution and will not in any manner scandalise the court or lower its authority in the eyes of the public," Venugopal said in his response to Gokhale.

As per Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, the consent of the Attorney General or the Solicitor General is required before the apex court can hear a criminal contempt petition filed by a private individual.

In his response to Gokhale, Venugopal conceded that Justice Gogoi has made some very strong statements about the judiciary and the Supreme Court.

"The statements apparently reflect his deep frustration with the ills that undoubtedly beset the justice delivery system," Venugopal said in his letter while adding that it won't scandalise the judiciary or the lower its authority and was made for the good of the institution.

Activists and lawyers term guidelines on digital media content draconian

RITWIKA MITRA @ New Delhi

DAYS after the Centre issued fresh rules on regulating digital media content in a gazetted notification, legal experts termed the effort 'draconian' and 'undemocratic'. Under the new rules, ultimate authority on all online content will remain with the government, they argued.

The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, will "change the way the internet will be experienced in India," posted the Internet Freedom Foundation, an NGO that conducts advocacy

on digital rights and liberties.

Medianama founder and digital rights activist Nikhil Pahwa said, "The impact of the guidelines is extremely worrying. The impact is similar to what a law itself would have. It looks like the government is using rules to create a law without parliamentary scrutiny."

Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy said the oversight mechanism for digital news forums and OTT platforms will be the same and that is a problem. "How can the press and

entertainment forums be regulated by the same mechanism? The press is here to hold governments to account, report on matters of national importance. They should not be regulated by the executive tasked to hold (them) accountable," said Guruswamy.

The three-level grievance redressal mechanism will include self-regulation by publishers within 15 days, self-regulation by publishers' self-regulating bodies which will address grievances not resolved in the fortnight, and an oversight mechanism by the Ministry of

Information and Broadcasting (MIB). While the self-regulating body will be headed by a retired SC, HC judges or independent eminent person, it will not have more than six members.

Supreme Court lawyer Karuna Nundy said: "The government has set up a three-tier system to regulate digital news media and platforms. By doing this, the government has tried to enable itself to censor and edit news content as well as entertainment content. This censorship regime is far more draconian than the regulation by the Press Council for your physical regular newspaper."



HAPPY TIDINGS

Rajnath the surprise guest at wedding of Dalit boy he adopted and helped become a doctor

NAMITA BAIJPAI @ Lucknow

HOW often does a high-profile Union Minister attend what appears to be an ordinary wedding? Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was there to see Brijendra Kumar tying the knot in Ghazipur on Saturday. He put a 'tilak' on the groom's forehead and blessed the couple.

To know the story, one has to go 21 years back. Rajnath was the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh and Brijendra a bright student from an impoverished family. After finding out that the Dalit boy who topped the Class VIII board exam in the state had lost his father and struggling to make ends meet, Rajnath decided to do something. He adopted Brijendra in 2000. Repaying the minister's faith, Brijendra went on to become a doctor. At present he is posted at Gosainganj CHC in Ayodhya. "Just because of him (Rajnath), my son has been able to achieve whatever he has," said Sushila Devi, Brijendra's mother.

With Brijendra getting married, how could Rajnath stay



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the wedding of Brijendra in Ghazipur on Saturday | EXPRESS

away? Keeping his visit to the wedding site in Madaripur a secret, he gave the newly-weds and their families a big surprise. "What a pleasant surprise! Possibly the biggest of my life. I am very happy. It was unexpected because he is so busy," said Brijendra. Although he had invited the minister, Brijendra did not expect him to make it. "He had prom-

ised, but I kept my fingers crossed."

In 2000, Rajnath had called him up to congratulate him. When he asked him about his family, he came to know that the child was a Dalit who had lost his father at a tender age. Brijendra's mother Sushila had two more sons — Vipin and Manjesh — to look after. "I took responsibility of his edu-

cation when I was the Chief Minister. I'm happy he has become a doctor," Rajnath told scribes in Ghazipur.

Brijendra's brothers are also trying to make their mark. Vipin is preparing for civil services and Manjesh is pursuing B Ed. Brijendra's wife Kritika is a post graduate in English. She has also done B Ed from Kolkata University. Incidentally, Brijendra's in-laws were not aware of his connection with the minister.



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'Onus on India for better environment'

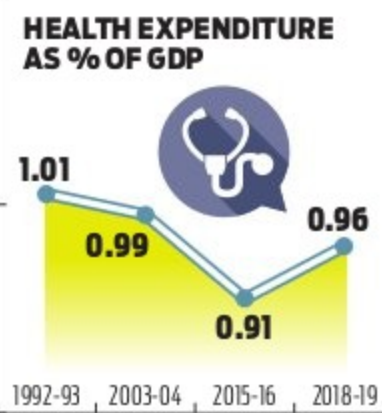
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PAKISTAN Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday welcomed the joint statement on strictly following the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) but said the onus was on India to create an environment for further progress.

"I welcome restoration of the ceasefire along the LoC. The onus of creating an enabling environment for further progress rests with India. India must take necessary steps to meet the long-standing demand & right of the Kashmiri people to self determination acc to UNSC resolutions," Khan tweeted on the occasion of the second anniversary of Pakistani retaliation following strikes on terror camps by India in Balakot.

Khan said Pakistan is ready to move forward and address all outstanding issues through dialogue. India is yet to respond to his remarks.

Meanwhile, India has maintained that it wants normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan but the onus is on Islamabad to create conducive conditions for talks. "India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan. We have always maintained that we are committed to addressing issues, if any, in a peaceful and bilateral manner," external affairs ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said on Thursday and added that India's position on core issues remains the same.



KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

NEARLY 70 per cent of expenditure on health has to be borne by the patients and this pushes about 60 million Indians into poverty each year, the Finance Commission has said.

In its report, the top panel has made strong remarks on the poor healthcare system, saying even 73 years after independence the quality healthcare has remained elusive for many. The report said the Covid-19 pandemic had exposed various fault lines in the country's health sector.

"We find about 70 per cent of expenditure on health is out of pocket, one of the highest globally. High out of pocket expenditure poses the largest risk to the population living below, and at the margins of, the poverty line," it said.

The report talked about low investment, sharp inter-state variations in the availability of health infrastructure and in health outcomes, supply side problems of doctors, paramedics, hospitals and inadequate number of healthcare centres like PHCs, sub centres and CHCs are some of the structural challenges that exist.

The commission pointed out the high dependence of the common people on the private sector for their healthcare needs. "Irrespective of the ability to pay, people increasingly seek private health care even for minor illnesses like cold, fever and diarrhoea."

"Private health care is not

Private health care is not only expensive but may also lack trained and skilled manpower
Finance Commission report

	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	21	Mumbai	35	26
Bhopal	35	18	Panaji	33	25
Jaipur	30	17	Patna	34	18
Amritsar	24	10	Lucknow	33	17
Chennai	32	22	Port Blair	32	22
Kolkata	36	22	Imphal	29	10
Srinagar	15	02	Chandigarh	32	12

BJP poll stars & strategists shift base to Kolkata

Seasoned campaigners move from Maharashtra, Rajasthan & Madhya Pradesh

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

THE BJP's carpet bombing of the electoral turf in West Bengal appears to be a throwback to the 2015 Bihar state polls when the saffron outfit, fresh from winning a majority in the Lok Sabha for the first time, had launched massive campaigns by bringing leaders from other states to wrest power in Patna. In a similar fashion, the BJP's veterans have now moved their bases to Kolkata from Maharashtra, Rajasthan and even Madhya Pradesh.

While the full strength of the council of ministers led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is lending their weights to the campaigning in Bengal, the electoral strategists of the BJP, including former party vice president Vinay Sahasrabudhe, have moved into the state capital.

The BJP had mounted a similar high-voltage campaign in Bihar, bringing leaders from faraway places, in 2015, when the saffron outfit had sought to dislodge the then CM Nitish Kumar from power. Kumar, aided by electoral strategist Prashant Kishore, had stitched an alliance with the RJD and the Congress, and worked on the local pride to blunt the campaign of the BJP led by the then party chief Amit Shah. Meanwhile, the incumbent chief minister of West Bengal, aided by Kishore, is seen taking a leaf out of the Bihar poll strategy of Kumar by coming out with the slogan of *Bengal ki beti* (daughter of Bengal).

"The BJP has gained rich electoral experience in the past few years. The party leaders coming from other states will pass on the experience to the local leaders. They will guide the party workers to knock every door," said a senior BJP functionary.

In Bihar, however, the BJP's strategy to parachute leaders from other states had backfired, as the party workers had grown cold for being "managed and monitored by outsiders", said another party functionary.

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Senior BJP leader

National narrative may not pay

BJP leaders say the lack of national narrative in the state polls entail toiling hard on the ground to gain from the anti-incumbency against the TMC

Lack of enough local leaders

The BJP's banking on leaders from other states is also due to lack of 'experienced local leadership' since the party had won just three of the 294 Assembly seats in the 2016 state polls



Union Minister Smriti Irani took out a vehicle rally near Kolkata recently | TWITTER

Didi's vax request could paint BJP into a corner

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his help to procure Covid-19 vaccines so that everyone can be inoculated free of cost before the assembly elections, a 'smart' move that political analysts say is aimed at cornering the BJP ahead of assembly polls.

"The Centre's decision to make vaccines available at some private hospitals gives a clear hint that it would not be able to give free vaccines to all. The CM wants to put pressure on the BJP government at the Centre on this issue ahead of the polls," said an official at the state secretariat.

According to TMC sources, the Centre's inability to give Bengal adequate volume of vaccines would become the ruling party's weapon to target the BJP.

"In a video conference just before vaccination started,

the CM had made it clear to the PM that the state wanted to buy vaccines and give them for free to the common people. Initially, the BJP was trying to cash in on vaccination claiming the Centre has fast-tracked the process to keep people safe from the virus. Now the CM's request is bound to put the Modi government in a quandary because their inability to provide vaccines in adequate numbers will be exploited by the TMC ahead of the elections, which can damage the BJP," said a TMC leader.

Mamata in her letter said that the people will be forced to go to the polling stations without any vaccination coverage if free-of-cost immunisation is not done ahead of elections. So far, about 2 lakh health workers and doctors have been administered jabs in the state. Another 2 lakh frontline workers, including police personnel, are being given vaccines in the second phase.



RJD to enter Assam poll fray, join hands with Cong, AIUDF

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Guwahati

THE Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has decided to contest the upcoming Assam elections. Party leader Tejashwi Yadav told journalists in Guwahati on Saturday that he held talks with the Congress in this regard. He also met Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, who is an MP and chief of the minority-based All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF).

"I have spoken to the Congress and will meet the AIUDF president after this press conference is over," Yadav told journalists earlier.

He met state Congress president Ripun Bora on Friday evening. Congress and AIUDF, which forged a tie-up for the first time, are part of a six-party grand alliance of the Opposition.

Yadav said there are around five per cent Hindi-speaking people, hailing from different states, who live in Assam.

There are a significant number of voters from this segment in 11 constituencies of Assam. The RJD will contest in those seats where its chances are high, he said.

"Our effort in Assam will be to ensure that communal forces won't form government. We will go to places where campaigning is required. Not just Assam, we will also go to West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry," Yadav said.

Yadav said the eight-phase polls in Bengal were "unprecedented". Traditionally, Assam had two-phase polls and "you made it three-phase because you felt the atmosphere is not good? If the atmosphere is not good, who is responsible? It is the present government."

"I want to ask what they have done for the tea estates in Assam. They had made a promise but did not fulfil it," he said. He also claimed constitutional bodies in the country are no longer independent.

Our effort in Assam will be to try and ensure that communal forces cannot form government. We will go to places where campaigning is required — TEJASHWI YADAV, RJD leader



RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav being felicitated by AIUDF chief Maulana Badruddin Ajmal in Guwahati on Saturday | PTI

Ex-BJP ally to join Cong-AIUDF team

GUWAHATI: Ahead of the upcoming assembly elections, the Bodoland People's Front (BPF), a part of the BJP-led Assam government, on Saturday said it will join the alliance helmed by the Congress. Welcoming the decision, the Congress exuded confidence that the party will come back to power again. "To work for peace, unity and development, the BPF has decided to join hands with the 'Mahajath' in the forthcoming Assam Assembly elections," its chief Hagrama Mohilary tweeted. The BPF will no longer maintain any friendly relation or alliance with the ruling BJP, he added. "The Asom Basao Ahok Yatra has had such massive impact across the state that our old friends, the Bodoland People's Front, could see which way the wind is blowing. "Congress is coming and we are proud to partner with the BPF," party campaign committee chairman Pradyut Bordoloi said. The party was in power in the state for 15 years.

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'Judgments can be criticised but not judges'

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VICE-CHANCELLOR of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Faizan Mustafa, said: "We should not criticise judges as they are human beings and may err or wrongly interpret law. There can be two interpretations of one provision. While judges are not to be criticised, judgments can and should be criticised. Fair comments on judgments made in good faith are good for a democracy."

A retired SC judge, who did not wish to be named, said: "We as judges decide cases based on their merits. Criticism following any judgment is a worrying trend, especially for junior judges, who have a long judicial career ahead. Such criticism hurts their morale."

Slamming Judge Rana for his critical comments against the government, former Army officer Harish Puri had tweeted, "High time we put 'Milords' like him in their place!...Justice Rana was free to grant bail to Disha Ravi, but what business does he have making such an arrogant remark against an elected government?"

Former diplomat Kanwal Sibal wrote, "Granting Disha bail on merits fine but pomposity? 'Citizens are conscience keepers of govt in any democracy. Does this include citizens who are 'Maoists, radicals, burn public property, desecrate Red Fort, pelt stones'?"



Priyanka Gandhi at Sant Ravidas temple in Varanasi on Saturday | PTI

POLITICIANS LINE UP AT RAVIDAS TEMPLE

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh assembly polls are a year away, but the state's political landscape is bustling with activity. A reflection of it was seen in Varanasi on Saturday when top politicians made a beeline at the temple of Sant Ravidas on his 644th birth anniversary in a bid to woo Dalit community.

Prominent among those who descended on Varanasi included Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav while Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who represented PM Modi, has already been camping in the holy city for the last two days.

Pradhan was the first to visit the temple followed by Priyanka, Akhilesh and then Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad 'Ravan'. Making a conspicuous bid to woo back her party's traditional Brahmin-Muslim-Dalit vote bank, Priyanka has been hopping from one temple to another in the state. After bowing at a dargah, temples and taking a holy dip at Sangam, she drove to Guru Ravidas Maharaj birthplace and sought blessings from Sant Niranjan Das.

Police recreate double murder scene at Unnao

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A team of Unnao police took the two accused arrested in connection with the double murder and poisoning of three minor Dalit girls to the crime spot to recreate the crime scene after getting an eight-hour police remand from the CJM Court on Friday.

The lone survivor was discharged from hospital in Kanpur. Villagers gave her a rous-

ing welcome in Baburha. The girl and her two cousins were poisoned by local youth Vinay and his aide Sachin aka Raju on February 17. Her cousins died on the way to hospital.

To verify the survivor's statement, police recreated the scene. Sources said the accused showed the spot where the victims had consumed snacks offered by them and turned unconscious after drinking water spiked with a pesticide. The po-

lice got custody of the two accused for eight hours — 9 am to 5 pm on Friday.

"We recreated the crime scene to fill the gaps in the narrative. We asked Vinay about the girls' location before the incident and how did he reach them in the field where they had gone to get fodder. He was asked how he pulled their bodies and dumped them after they drank the water laced with poison and fell unconscious," said

a police officer.

Vinay apparently said he wanted to kill only the girl he was having a one-sided affair with but the other two girls snatched the water bottle and drank the spiked water. Co-accused Sachin claimed his only crime was to convey Vinay's message to the girls to come to the field for snacks. Police took them to the shop from where they had bought snacks and water.

TREASURE HUNT

'Neighbours' dig 20-ft-long tunnel to rob Jaipur doctor of 400kg silver

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IT looks like straight from a film thriller: thieves dig up a 20-foot-long tunnel and steal over 400 kg of silver from boxes kept in the basement of a doctor's home in Jaipur.

The stolen silver is estimated to be worth crores of rupees. The city police are now on the look-out for the thieves.

The daring robbery was reported at the home of Dr Sumit Soni, a renowned hair transplant surgeon of Rajasthan.

The thieves dug up the tunnel from a neighbouring land which they allegedly purchased a few months ago.

Silver ingots and jewellery were stolen out of three iron

boxes kept in the basement of the doctor's house.

According to the complaint filed by the doctor on Friday, he had visited his basement two days back.

The silver ornaments were missing from the boxes — all the iron boxes were cut and the valuables had vanished. A hole about 2-ft deep was visible under the boxes.

Investigation revealed that the theft was carried out by digging a tunnel about 20 feet long.

The doctor provided information about the weight and the price of silver in the FIR. The police estimate that there were many quintals of silver in

the boxes which can be worth crores of rupees. These boxes were kept buried in the ground and a floor was built over it with tiles.

The probe revealed the robbers bought the house just behind the doctor's home and then a tunnel was built from that house which led to the doctor's basement. This house was purchased only a few weeks ago in January for ₹90 lakh. The floor of one room of that house was uprooted and a tunnel four-ft deep and 20-ft long was dug.

The police suspect that the house purchased in January was probably meant to steal the silver valuables.



Actress Barsha ties the nuptial knot

Popular actress Barsha Rani Bishaya has tied the nuptial knot for the second time. The groom, Bhaskar Baruah, has not missed a single movie of the actress. Barsha's first husband passed away a few years ago and his parents wholeheartedly supported her in the second marriage. Apart from working in films, Barsha also performs with mobile theatres. She debuted in the Assamese film industry with "Joubone Amoni Kore". She was at the forefront of protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in Assam in 2019. She took part in rallies and addressed people to mobilise public opinions against the Act.



GUWAHATI DIARY

IIT-G team develops low-cost cooking stoves

A team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati has developed a technology that makes cooking stoves energy-efficient, economical and eco-friendly. Burners used in these are based on porous medium combustion technology, capable of exhibiting enhanced combustion characteristics. P Muthukumar, the lead researcher, said, "These indigenously-developed cooking stoves are assisted with specially-designed porous radiant burners (PRBs) that yield better performance compared to their conventional counterparts on all three fronts of energy-saving, emissions and overall cost. The PRBs can be effectively used for fuels like LPG, biogas and kerosene for domestic as well as community and commercial cooking," the IIT-Guwahati said.

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Athlete Hima Das now DSP in Assam Police

Ace athlete Hima Das on Friday donned the mantle of Deputy Superintendent of Police after she was handed over the appointment letter by CM Sarbananda Sonowal in the presence of a host of dignitaries at a function in Guwahati. Hima said it was always her dream to become a police officer. She expressed her gratitude to the government. She is the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in a track event at IAAF World Under-20 championships. She used to play football with boys at her school but later, on the advice of a teacher, she switched to sprint.



Northeast to get flavours of biryani

Assam may be far from Hyderabad, Delhi or Lucknow but it is well on the cuisine map of the country. Foodies in the "Gateway to the Northeast" can now please their taste buds at "Biryani By Kilo" (BBK). The well-known biryani and kebab chain launched its first dine-in and delivery outlet in the city last week and is getting rave reviews. Vishal Jindal, co-founder of BBK, said, "BBK is happy to launch its first outlet in the Northeast in Guwahati. We are one of the most authentic biryani and kebab chains in India with presence in around 25 cities."

\$1.9 TRILLION COVID BILL PASSES DIVIDED US HOUSE

More relief for individuals and small businesses; Senate vote looms

WASHINGTON

US House of Representatives on Saturday approved a \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief bill in a major win for President Joe Biden.

The president's vision for flushing cash to individuals, businesses, states and cities battered by the pandemic passed on a near party-line 219-212 vote in the early hours of Saturday.

That ships the massive measure to the Senate, where Democrats seem bent on resuscitating their minimum wage push and fights could erupt over state aid and other issues. Democrats said the still-faltering economy and the half-million American lives lost demanded quick, decisive action.

GOP lawmakers, they said, were out of step with a public that polling shows largely views the bill favorably.



Speaker of the US House Nancy Pelosi meets with reporters ahead of session to consider a \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package | AP

"I am a happy camper tonight," Rep Maxine Waters, D-Calif, said on Friday. "This is what America needs. Republicans, you ought to be a part of this. But if you're not, we're going without you."

Republicans said the bill was too expensive and said too few education dollars would be spent quickly to immediately reopen

schools.

They said it was laden with gifts to Democratic constituencies like labor unions and funneled money to Democratic-run states they suggested didn't need it because their budgets had bounced back.

Moderate Democratic Reps. Jared Golden of Maine and Kurt Schrader of Oregon were the only

two lawmakers to cross party lines. That sharp partisan divide is making the fight a showdown over who voters will reward for heaping more federal spending to combat the coronavirus and revive the economy atop the \$4 trillion approved last year.

The battle is also emerging as an early test of Biden's ability to hold together his party's fragile congressional majorities—just 10 votes in the House and an evenly divided 50-50 Senate.

At the same time, Democrats were trying to figure out how to assuage progressives who lost their top priority in a jarring Senate setback Thursday. That chamber's nonpartisan parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, said Senate rules require that a federal minimum wage increase would have to be dropped, leaving the proposal on life support. **AFP**

SECOND-LARGEST STIMULUS EVER

The \$1.9 trillion bill is on track to be the second largest US stimulus ever, illustrating the huge effort needed to tackle the multiple crises unleashed by the pandemic

BIGGER TAX BREAKS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH KIDS

Under current law, most taxpayers can reduce their federal income tax bill by up to \$2,000 per child. The package moving through the House would increase the tax break to \$3,000 for every child age 6 to 17 and \$3,600 for every child under the age of 6

\$350 billion to state and local governments and tribal government

\$130 billion in additional help to schools for students in kindergarten through 12th grade

\$40 billion boost in spending for colleges and universities

\$25 billion for restaurants and bars hurt by the pandemic

\$15 billion relief for airlines and eligible contractors so long as they refrain from furloughing workers or cutting pay through September

\$46 billion to expand federal, state and local testing for Covid-19 and to enhance contract tracing capabilities with new investments to expand laboratory capacity and set up mobile testing units

Hundreds protest death of dissident writer in Bangladesh prison

DHAKA

HUNDREDS of people in Bangladesh took part on Saturday in a second day of demonstrations sparked by the death of a writer at a high security prison in a case that has drawn international concern.

Protesters marched at the University of Dhaka chanting slogans condemning the government's treatment of Mushtaq Ahmed as well as other dissident writers and activists. Another protest was staged at the National Press Club.

Demonstrators demanded the scrapping of Bangladesh's headline Digital Security Act (DSA) under which Ahmed was imprisoned. The law has been used to crack down on dissent since it was enacted in 2018.

Security forces clashed with students in Dhaka on Friday night. Police said six people were arrested while activists said at least 30 were injured.

Ahmed collapsed and died at Kashimpur High Security Prison late on Thursday. He was first detained in May after criticising on Facebook the government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

The 53-year-old, a crocodile farmer and a writer known for his satirical style, was charged with spreading rumours and conducting "anti-state activities". Protesters have called his death a "custodial murder" after he was denied bail six times in 10 months.

"Mushtaq Ahmed's death was not a normal death. We'll say it was a murder," said Manisha Chakraborty, a protester with a left wing group.

Demonstrators said they would take a march to the office of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina carrying a coffin later on Saturday.

Facing international questions on the case, authorities have ordered a probe into Ahmed's death, senior government official S M Tarikul Islam said.

"We formed a committee to probe whether there was negligence by jail officials or procedures in his treatment," Islam said. Thirteen ambassadors from countries including the United States, France, Britain, Canada and Germany have expressed "grave concern".

"We call on the government of Bangladesh to conduct a swift, transparent and independent inquiry into the full circumstances of Mr Mushtaq Ahmed's death," the ambassadors said in a statement. **AFP**



(Above) Demonstrators clash with police over the prison death of Mushtaq Ahmed in Dhaka, Bangladesh on Friday. (Right) Mushtaq Ahmed | AP

Protesters in Myanmar hit by tear gas, rubber bullets

YANGON

MYANMAR police fired rubber bullets to disperse protesters in Yangon on Saturday, after the country's ambassador to the UN broke ranks to make an emotional plea for action against the military junta.

The country has been shaken by a wave of protests since a coup toppled civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Feb 1.

Authorities have ramped up the use of force to suppress dissent, deploying tear gas, water cannon and rubber bullets to disperse some protests.

Live rounds have been used in isolated cases.

In Myanmar's biggest city Yangon on Saturday, police used rubber bullets to disperse a demonstration at Myaynigone junction, the site of an hours-long standoff the day before.

"What are the police doing? They are protecting a

crazy dictator," the protesters chanted as they were chased away by the police.

Hundreds of ethnic Mon protesters had gathered there to commemorate Mon National Day and protest the coup, joined by other minority groups.

They scattered into residential streets and started building makeshift barricades out of barbed wire and tables to stop the police. Many wore hard hats and gas masks, wielding homemade shields for protection.

Local reporters broadcast the chaotic scenes live on Facebook, including the moments when the shots rang out, which AFP reporters on the ground also witnessed.

"We will try to find another way to protest—of course, we are afraid of their crackdown," said a protester. "We want to fight until we win." **AFP**

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The Department under the Central Sector Scheme invites bids for Empowering the Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) for Formation & Promotion of Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs) through Karnataka e-procurement portal. The Tender documents and the detailed information for tenderers have been uploaded in the e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>). Interested Govt./ semi Govt./ Private service Institutions or their authorized Representative may please go through the details in the e-procurement portal and offer the bid. The date of commencement of bid documents is **26.02.2021** and the last date for submission of bid through e-procurement portal is **13.03.2021 by 5.00 PM with no E.M.D. Pre-proposal meeting will be on 05.03.2021 at 11.00 AM.**

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Sl. No.	1) Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2) Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1)	1) a) M/s Tidewater Shipping Private Limited, Cunningham Classic, No 104.22, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru 560 052. Represented by Directors b) Sri SUBHASH MENON, S/o Sri Gopal Menon, Flat No 1, C2, II Floor, Regency Place, No. 7, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560002 c) Smt Sunithi S Menon, W/o Sri Subhash Menon, Flat No 1, C2, II Floor, Regency Place, No. 7, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560002 d) Sri Aditya Menon, S/o Sri Subash Menon, Flat No 1, C2, II Floor, Regency Place, No. 7, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560002. 2) Canara Bank - Lavelle Road Branch. Ph.No.080-2224 1457, M : 94835 20887	1) Rs.1,65,95,286.26 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.95.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.9.50 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 0887295000001 3) CNRB0000887 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 23.3.2021 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.
Description of property - Flat No. 104, 1st Floor, No. 22, S R Temple Street, Cunningham Road, Bangalore. In the name of Sri Subhash Menon & Smt. Sunithi Menon with plinth area of 578.65 sft.				
2)	1) a) Sri Jagadeesh, S/o Doddla Kavallappa, No.101/83C, 2nd Main Road, Near Anjenaaya Temple, Peenya 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560058. b) Smt Sowbhagya, W/o Jagadeesh, No 101/83C, 2nd Block, Near Anjenaaya Temple, Peenya 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560058. 2) Canara Bank - Infantry Road Branch . Ph.No.080-25591021, M : 9483531168.	1) Rs.56,13,664.50 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.50,05,890/- EMD : Rs.5,00,589/-	1) 29.3.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 1168295000001 3) CNRB0001168 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 22.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Property Type: Residential Building G+3, Extent: 700 Sq Ft with plinth area 1412 Sq Ft. Location: Site No.231, Peenya-Laggere Road, Peenya Village, Off Tumkur Road, Bengaluru -560058 and bounded as follows : East By : Property belongs to Late Rajanna and His Son, West By : House Belongs to Revanasiddappa, North By : Road and South By : Remaining Property of Revanasiddappa.				
3)	1) SAI PROJECTS AND SYSTEM PVT. LTD. No B-383,4th Main Road, 6th Cross, 1st Stage, Peenya, Bangalore - 560058 GUARANTOR: a) Mr. Suresh Babuji Kesavalu No 222,1st Floor, 1st Main, 1st Phase, Ideal Homes Township, RR Nagar, Bangalore - 560098. b) Mr. Sundar Venkatesan No. 12 & 13, House No. 5, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, BEML 5th Stage, RR Nagar, Bangalore - 560098 2) Canara Bank - M G Road Branch. Ph.No.080-2532 5331, M : 94498 60076.	1) Rs.1,46,49,871.68 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.150.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.15.00 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 06693170000020 3) CNRB0010669 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 22.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Industrial Property Bearing Plot No 36 & 37, Road No 2, Tubinakere, Industrial Area, Yelachenahalli, Kothathalli Hobli, Mandya To & Dist. - 571402, admeasuring 2094.00 Sq.Mts. Bounded on : East By : Plot No 35, West By : Plot No 38, North By : Plot No 17 & 18 Part and South By : KAIADB Road.				
4)	1) Sri M P Bopani, S/o M P Ponnappa No.269, 1st Floor, Milk Colony, Behind Kiroloskar Compund, Malleshwarwam West, Bangalore-560055 Guarantor : Sri Mohammed Imdadulla No.10, 1st Floor,1st Main, Bopalva, Mahalakshimpuram, Bangalore - 560086. 2) Canara Bank - Vasanthanagar Branch-2 . Ph.No.080-2264659, M : 94498 60025	1) Rs.3,40,411.16 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.15.30 Lakhs EMD : Rs.1.53 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 04163170000024 3) CNRB0010416 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 23.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site No.27, Sy No.4, K.S.No.534, Giddanahalli Village, Anekal Taluk, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, Bangalore - Site area 2400 Sq Ft and bounded as follows : East By : Road, West By : Sy. No. 3, North By : Site No.26 and South By : Site No.28.				
5)	1) a) Smt. Ranjeetha D/o Shri. Parameshwaran R No. 133/25, Nandini Road, Kammanahally Main Road, Bangalore - 560073 b) Shri. R Parameshwaran, S/o Ranganathan No. 133/25 Nandini Road, Kammanahally Main Road, Bangalore - 560073. 2) Canara Bank - Sampangiram Nagar Branch, Ph.No.080-22485780, M : 80730 00899.	1) Rs.20,47,150.50 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.8.23 Lakhs EMD : Rs.0.82 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 upto 5.00 pm 2) 1175295000001 3) CNRB0001175 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 22.3.2021 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Details of Secured Assets : All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No. 1020, B-27, First floor, V I Main, III Cross, Austin Town, II Stage Extension, Neelasaandra, Bengaluru. Dimension- Total Area measuring 358 sq ft. Bounded on : East By : Flat. 1019, West By : Open Land, North By : Flat. 1021 and South By : Flat. 1005 & 1006.				
6)	1) M/s Sri Prakruthi Landscapers Prop: Narendra Kumar B G No 57, Old CMC Katha No. 49/48/57, Situated at Defence Colony, Kothihosahalli & Kodigehalli Village, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore - 560092. 2) Canara Bank - Sampangiram Nagar Branch, Ph.No.080-22485780, M : 80730 00899.	1) Rs.91,23,390.54 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 2) Rs.150.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.15.00 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 upto 5.00 pm 2) 11752950000001 3) CNRB0001175 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 22.3.2021 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Description of property - All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Site No.57, Old CMC Katha No.49/48/57, Situated at Defence Colony, Kothihosahalli & Kodigehalli Village, Sahakaranagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560092, Dimensions - Total Area measuring 1200 sq ft. (North- South: 40 ft & East to West: 30 ft) and Bounded on : East By : Site No.44, West By : Road, North By : Site No.58 and South By : Site No.56.				
7)	1) a) Mr. Devaraja H M, S/o Mr. B Muniappa 118, Anjaneya Nilaya, 1st Cross, Cholanayakanahalli Near Ayyappa Temple, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 32. b) Mr. HN Nanjappa No. 207, Raghavendra Nilaya, Opp. Ayyapswamy Temple, Cholanayakanahalli, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 32 2) Canara Bank - Kumara Park West Branch . Ph.No.080-23361068, M : 94835 00422.	1) Rs.65,68,974 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.81.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.8.10 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 upto 5.00 pm 2) 04222950000001 3) CNRB0000422 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 10.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Site no. 27, Khata No.675/A, Assessment No. 111, Ayyappa Temple Street, Cholanayakanahalli, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore-North Taluk, Bounded on : East By : Property of Doddakenchappa, West By : Road, North By : Property of Venkatappa and South By : Property of Muniappa.				
8)	1) M/S MAXWORTH REALTY INDIA LTD 22/1 Railway Parallel Road Nehrunagar Bangalore-20 GUARANTORS : a) Sri K Keshava, S/o Sri.Muniyappa No. 17, 4th Cross, Nethaji Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054 b) Smt Hemalatha K, W/o Sri K Keshava No. 17, 4th Cross, Nethaji Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054. 2) Canara Bank - Kumara Park West Branch . Ph.No.080-23361068, M : 94835 00422.	1) Rs.1,08,17,885.34 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.30.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.3.0 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 upto 5.00 pm 2) 04222950000001 3) CNRB0000422 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 25.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Flat No. 203, B Block, Max Spoorthi, Thindlu, Bangalore, (BBMP Khata No. 1544/71/10).				
9)	1) M/S MAXWORTH REALTY INDIA LTD 22/1 Railway Parallel Road Nehrunagar Bangalore-20 GUARANTORS : a) Sri K Keshava, S/o Sri.Muniyappa No. 17, 4th Cross, Nethaji Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054 b) Smt Hemalatha K, W/o Sri K Keshava No. 17, 4th Cross, Nethaji Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560054. 2) Canara Bank - Kumara Park West Branch . Ph.No.080-23361068, M : 94835 00422.	1) Rs.1,08,17,885.34 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.30.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.3.0 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 upto 5.00 pm 2) 04222950000001 3) CNRB0000422 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 25.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Flat No. 306, B Block, Max Spoorthi, Thindlu, Bangalore, (BBMP Khata No. 1544/71/10).				
10)	1) M/s Vishwas Concrete No. 80/85, 3rd Main Road, New Tharagupet, Bangalore - 560 003 GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR : Dr.H.P.Madhusudan, S/o Sri Prasanna Kumar, Residing at No. 560/A, 1st Main Road, Nagendra Block, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore 560050. 2) Canara Bank - Industrial Finance Branch. Ph.No.080-25593685, M : 94835 21927.	1) Rs.8,46,83,077.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.520.00 Lakhs EMD : Rs.52.0 Lakhs	1) 29.3.2021 upto 5.00 pm 2) 19272950000001 3) CNRB0001927 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 31.3.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 25.3.2021 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Property Bearing No.80 & 80/1 (Municipal Old No.82, Later No. 80/85), PID No.46-13-80 & 46-13-80/1, 3rd Main Road, New Tharagupet, Bangalore with extent of site measuring 2550 sq feet & built up area of 4800 sq feet standing in the name of Mr. B R Vishwas.				

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Lenders begin identifying NPAs for transfer to proposed bad bank

Banks to give data on stressed accounts with principal outstanding of ₹500 crore and more

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

INDIA'S bad loan clean-up exercise seems to have begun with lenders having already identified corporate loans of over ₹1.45 lakh crore so far that will be transferred to the planned Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC). While the true level of NPAs resulting from Covid-19 remains unclear since the Supreme Court's standstill order on NPA recognition is still in place, sources say that there are NPAs worth nearly ₹2.5 lakh crore in around 70 large accounts that banks currently have no power to recover.

"These are all stressed assets... The ARC-AMC (Asset Management Company) model

₹1.45L cr	₹2.5L cr	₹8L cr	13.5%
NPAs identified for ARC basket	NPAs shielded by status quo	Reported GNPA level	GNPA likely by Sept 2021: RBI

will enable aggregation of these toxic assets from several banks to a single entity with professionals whose sole focus would be value-maximisation in a market-led way. The transfer of stressed assets to ARC will happen at net book value," said an industry source.

In fact, the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has also asked lenders to furnish data on stressed accounts with principal outstanding worth ₹500 crore and above. This exercise

will help in assessing the capital required to float the proposed 'bad bank'. The IBA is currently working with the Department of Financial Services and a few lenders to set up the ARC, whose objective is to extract capital stuck in soured loans and help banks to focus on credit.

Typically, ARCs purchase loans by offering 15 per cent cash and the remaining 85 per cent in security receipts against bad debts, entitling banks to get

a return in line with the amount recovered. While the Centre will not provide any direct equity support to the ARC, it may provide sovereign guarantees that may be needed to meet regulatory requirements. Experts, however, warn that the bad bank may not yield proper results without sufficient recapitalisation.

Meanwhile, India's overall Gross NPA ratio expected to rise from 7.5 per cent in September 2020 to 13.5 per cent by September this year under the baseline scenario, according to the RBI's Financial Stability Report. If the macroeconomic environment worsens, the GNPA ratio may escalate to 14.8 per cent.

HIGH IMPORT

PM calls for boost to local toymaking

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the current situation where around 85 per cent of the toys in the country are sourced from abroad needs to be changed and exhorted Indian manufacturers to create 'Make in India' toys that used less plastic.

Observing that India's share in the \$100 billion global toy market was very small, Modi said that there was a need to change this situation. "In the field of toys, India has tradition and technology, India has concepts and competence. We can take the world back towards eco-friendly toys. Through our software engineers, computer games can bring the stories of India to the world," the Prime Minister said.

While referring to the traditional toy industry, the Prime Minister underlined the need for promoting Handmade in India. If there is a demand for Made in India today, then the demand for Handmade in India is also increasing equally, he said, adding "today people do not only buy toys as a product, but also want to connect with the experience associated with that toy. So, we have to promote Handmade in India as well". The Prime Minister appealed to manufacturers to make toys that are better for both ecology and psychology, using less plastic.

Modi also said that the National Toy Action Plan has been prepared, observing that "it has included 15 ministries and departments to make these industries competitive, the country to become self-reliant in toys, and India's toys also go into the world." Throughout this campaign, state governments have been made an equal partner in developing clusters".

Jaguar Land Rover to write down £1.5 billion as part of restructuring

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has said that it will take a one-time write off of 1.5 billion pounds (including cash and non-cash components) during the ongoing the March quarter, as part of its one-time restructuring exercise under the "Reimagine" strategy.

"An exceptional one-time non-cash write down of c. £1 billion for higher previous spending and certain planned products that will not be completed... The cash write-off of 500 million GBP will be offset by positive cash flow in FY22," the company said in an investor presentation. "JLR expects to be cashflow positive by FY23 and generate net cash from FY25," added Ardian Mardell, Chief Financial Officer, JLR.

This is not the first time that JLR has taken a large write-off. Tata, in February 2019, had an-



nounced a write off of 3.10 billion pounds for JLR on account of slowing sales in China, technology disruptions and also the rising cost of debt.

Under Tata Motor's new Reimagine strategy, JLR has plans to increase its market share in the fast growing luxury segments, cut annual spending to about 2.5 billion pounds, and substantially increase its EBIT margins from 4 per cent to more than 10 per cent by FY26.

Earlier this month, the UK-based carmaker had said that it

would launch six electric variants of Land Rover SUVs in the next five years while the Jaguar brand of cars is expected to be fully electric by the end of this decade. JLR had also said that it would invest about 2.5 billion pounds (\$3.5 billion) a year into electrification and related technologies.

According to the Mardell's presentation, the company will prioritise profitability over market share and volumes, and only those models that were margin accretive will be brought to the market. As for its planned margin improvement, the carmaker is expecting 300 basis points of margin improvement to come due to refocusing its product portfolio.

The rest is expected to come from the new platforms. The luxury carmaker is currently working on rationalising vehicle architecture across its product portfolio.

EXPRESS READ

We must continue to trade with China: Bajaj

New Delhi: Favouring continuation of trade with China, Bajaj Auto MD Rajiv Bajaj on Saturday said goods should be procured from wherever they are most competitively available. He was speaking at a session on 'Building Reliable Supply Chain' being held at the Asia Economic Dialogue 2021.

MSIL to increase focus on export markets in Africa, Latam

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MARUTI Suzuki India (MSIL) on Friday said that it has achieved the milestone of two million vehicle exports from India and that, going ahead, it will increase focus on export markets in the African and Latin American region.

"Going forward, the company has aligned itself with the

evolving needs of customers in African and Latin American nations. With a flurry of new models in pipeline, Maruti Suzuki will attract customers in new segments to enable the Company to accomplish bigger milestones at a much faster pace," said Kenichi Ayukawa, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited.

In FY2012-13, the company

had achieved the milestone of one million exports. Out of the first million units, more than 50 per cent were undertaken to developed markets in Europe. Maruti Suzuki had commenced export of vehicles from India in FY1986-87 and the first large consignment of 500 cars was shipped to Hungary in September 1987.

The carmaker said that it

has now gained a sizeable share in markets such as Chile, Indonesia, South Africa, and Sri Lanka. Models such as Alto, Baleno, Dzire and Swift have emerged as popular choices in these markets. In January this year, it started production and export of Suzuki's compact off-roader Jimny from India and Suzuki plans to use India as a production base.

NEWSCOPE

THE WORLD OF STAR-GAZING AND THE TOLL IT TAKES

GURBIR SINGH

COVERING the media and entertainment beat for The Economic Times at the turn of the century, more than two decades ago, proved to be quite exciting for this writer. Private broadcasting was just being launched. Emerging from our dreary newspaper offices, the flashing TV screens at Zee or the 'Quick Gun Murugan' poster (a fictitious Channel [V] character) at the Star TV reception was a whiff of fresh air. And then Sushma Swaraj, as I&B minister, for the first time recognized film-making as an 'industry'. This meant the sharp shooters of Bollywood could now officially get access to bank loans.

It was a throwback to those heady days reading Peter Mukerjea's just released book: *Star Struck—Confessions of a TV Executive*. It brought back memories like when stodgy ET carried as its Page One Anchor my story that rivals, the Disney sports channel ESPN and Rupert Murdoch's Star Sports, had brokered a Joint venture (JV) deal for Asia.

Or, when James Murdoch, in an interview in Star's Mumbai HQ, The Masterpiece, abandoned his official script and waxed eloquent about how the 'Ambassador' car was the best thing that had happened to India.

Peter Mukerjea's memoir—from when he left his advertising job in Hong Kong at DDB Needham in July 1993 to board a flight for India to set up Star TV's first liaison office, to becoming CEO in 1999, and then finally his exit in January 2007 after a messy round of internal politics—captures the flavour of the early days of India's private broadcasting industry.

JOCKEYING AT THE TOP

The day Peter Mukerjea left for India in 1993, Star TV was sold by its old owner Richard Li to Rupert Murdoch's conglomerate News Corp. Mukerjea did not know whether he would have a job when he landed in Mumbai. Neither Li nor Murdoch had big plans for India—Star TV was Murdoch's stepping stone to the Chinese market, something he never succeeded in. What



did happen though was, in India, the initial Star TV shows like *The Bold And The Beautiful* and *Baywatch* in the early 1990s became hits. It was a new cultural invasion of skin and good production; and the English-speaking middle class lapped it up.

Before long, Murdoch realized China wasn't working, but India was. So to lend left to India's business plans, Star TV poached out Rathikant Basu, Director General of Doordarshan, to head Star. Mukerjea's start is a bit dull, but the book builds up with some racy plots. One of them is about Basu, who he says could not fit into Star's culture from his 'government' upbringing; and then went on to make a mess in launching Star's direct-to-home (DTH) services.

Mukerjea, with some glee, dwells at length on the day in March 1999 when the Star brass from Hong Kong delivered the pink slip to 'Rodney' (Rathikant's Star pet name) Basu at Mumbai's Hotel Leela. It was also when Peter Mukerjea takes over as Star TV's CEO from his earlier role as head of ad sales.

MURDOCH STAMP ON KBC

There's also new and sumptuous material on Star TV's big breakthrough in 2000—*Kaun Banega Crorepati?*. As Star limped behind Zee and Sony as a poor No.3 at the turn of the century, the Celedor-produced international show 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' was on offer.

Mukerjea describes how it was first conceived by him and his content chief Sameer Nair as '*Kaun Banega Lakhpatti*'. Rupert Murdoch, who was sitting in on the discussion was told the ₹1 lakh prize money translated to

something close to \$2,000. The media baron's instincts said it was too small and would not work; and decreed it be upped a hundred times. And so *Kaun Banega Crorepati?* was born.

Then follow negotiations with Amitabh Bachchan as anchor for the show. A game show in Prime Time TV had never been done. And it was a make or break both for Star TV and for the struggling actor. There are nights of cigarettes, and posturing. Finally, Mukerjea and Nair shake hands on the obscene figure demanded by the Big B, and the show takes off on July 3 2000. Television, Star TV and Bachchan were never the same again.

Mukerjea also provides some interesting takeaways on how he used 'informal' skills to build a strong, loyal leadership team. "Winners have parties, losers hold meetings," he quotes his Hong Kong Star TV boss Gary Davey. Most of Mukerjea's team stuck on with him for long; and many remained loyal and supportive even during his recent, more difficult, days. The book has an unhappy ending, but an important lesson. James Murdoch, who was in the driver's seat in Hong Kong, left for London to fix things in BSKYB, and chose a legal person, Michelle Guthrie, to run Star. In the office machinations that followed, two close colleagues, Peter Mukherjea and Sameer Nair, came to blows; and perhaps to make their relationship unmanageable, Guthrie divided the top job between them, appointing Mukerjea as CEO of Star Group, and Nair as CEO, Star India. Expectedly, both executives exited in early 2007.

And here's the lesson: however well Indians performed, an organization like News Corp will not respect them in top positions. The underlying racism can be read between the lines. Though Star India was the mother ship in terms of revenue, the driver's seat was still in Hong Kong; till Uday Shankar, the man who replaced Mukerjea, made it a condition of his appointment. The book is an interesting read for all those in the media business; but also a learning experience for anyone exploring the nasty and short lives of executives at the top.



MCA Presents ₹1 crore cheque to Chief Minister's Relief Fund

Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited, a State Government Enterprise providing advertising and other communication related services, has donated ₹1 crore from its profits to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. While most sectors suffered due to COVID-19 during the past year, the Company has strived hard to provide quality services thereby assuring profitability, it said. The cheque for the donation was presented to the fund in the presence of Jagadish Shettar, Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Chairman C. Munikrishna, Directors V Sangalad & H R Thirthalingappa and Siddalingappa B Pujari, Managing Director.

Indian Overseas Bank signs MoU with SBI General Insurance

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a major public sector bank has signed a bancassurance agreement for the distribution of non-life offerings with SBI General Insurance Company. The agreement was signed in the presence of IOB MD & CEO Partha Pratim Sengupta and SBI General Insurance Co Ltd MD & CEO P C Kandpal. Through the alliance, SBI General will offer a range of general insurance solutions and innovative products to IOB customers. "This tie-up will help expand our bouquet of insurance products to our consumers. The partnership will improve penetration in urban, Tier II, and Tier III markets and will also help create awareness about personal lines of insurance to IOB customers," Partha Pratim Sengupta said.

Business & Beyond



State Bank of India conducts all India Kabaddi Tournament

State Bank of India, Chennai Circle hosted the All India SBI Inter Circle Kabaddi Tournament at ICF Perambur, Chennai last week. Teams representing various circles of State Bank of India such as Ahmedabad, Amaravathi, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Patna and Chennai participated in the tournament. The competition was inaugurated by B Sankar, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Chennai Circle, accompanied by U N N Maiya General Manager (NW-II) & Sanjay Prakash, Deputy General Manager (IR), SBI Corporate Centre, Mumbai.



GRSE participates in IDEX 2021

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, participated in the IDEX 2021 held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) February 21-25. The participation

furthered foot print in the Gulf region and aided in exploring avenues for synergy and partnerships in the niche naval shipbuilding market in the Middle East. The Defence PSU played the pivotal role in setting up the India Pavilion during the exhibition. Pawan Kapoor, Ambassador of India inaugurated the India Pavilion in the presence of CMD GRSE, DGNO Indian Navy Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, CMD BDL, Director (CP) MDL and other dignitaries from DRDO and OFB. GRSE leveraged the occasion to strike deals and inked three agreements with Abu Dhabi Shipbuilding Company, UAE, and two local companies from Egypt and UAE.

Maritime India Summit 2021 to be held

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is organizing the 2nd Edition of the Maritime India Summit 2021 (MIS 2021) virtually from March 2-4, jointly in association with FICCI as industrial partner and EY as knowledge partner. The summit, with 24 partner countries, will showcase more than 400 projects and is expected to have participation of delegates across the globe. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi will inaugurate the MIS summit. The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. alongwith NMPT and SDCL have been entrusted with conducting the Breakout Session 3.



MCL bags award for health & safety

Sambalpur (MCL) has been awarded for its best practices in Environment, Health & Safety by the Confederation of Indian Industry at CII Odisha's Annual Meet. On behalf of the company, D K Khanda, Senior Manager (Mining)/ Environment & Forests Department, Rajeev Kumar, Sr. Manager (Mining), S&R dept. and J. Mishra, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Anand Vihar Hospital received the award.

PINK BALL & ITS ODD BEHAVIOUR

Spinner Ashwin comes out strongly against criticism of pitch, says the strange ways in which the ball behaved too played a part

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Ahmedabad

"I HAVE a question back. What is a good cricket surface?" Ravichandran Ashwin quipped. There was a sense of exasperation in his voice when he responded to the criticism over the Ahmedabad pitch during an impromptu press conference on Saturday. The two-day finish to the third Test, which saw England lose 10 wickets and India seven in one day, led to this strong criticism. When one adds the mysterious nature in the way the pink ball behaved, you get quite an intriguing tale to the existing narrative. Extra lacquer, going straight after pitching, falling on its seam, less rotation despite giving it a fair bit of a tweak are some of the observations put forward by both sets of players.

"Despite trying to put revs on the ball, it wasn't rotating as much at the seam. If at all, it fell on the seam, it was spinning quite big at that time. It wasn't responding the way the red ball was responding. Whatever was happening, was happening really quickly off the surface. If we played a red-ball game on the same surface, the pace of the game must have been a touch slower. These are all the things I'm talking about in hindsight," Ashwin said.

While some former English cricketers blamed the pitch for the two-day finish, England captain Joe Root apart from terming the early finish as a shame, said the pink ball had a role to play too.

India, like England, have found the pink ball, which is still at early stages, more helpful to the bowlers than the batsmen. Even the Indian team management was surprised as everyone about the early finish. India have played three pink-ball Tests and all have come on varied conditions. In Ahmedabad, they opted for a turner as it had assisted the seamers in Kolkata and Adelaide. Even they are puzzled how the extra coating of lacquer ensured the gloss never went away and they attributed it as a reason as to why some of the balls went straight after pitching.

Since the Test ended, starting from India captain Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have maintained that it is the batting that ought to be blamed, rather than the pitch. There is apprehension in the Indian camp that more than the skillset of batsmen who are not equipped to play on turners, it is the pitch that makes more noise. "You don't want people to go back home and say, 'India is not winning the game, it's the pitch that's winning game'. That's not what I want people to do. Anyway, I know that's going to come up, this kind of conditioning has been happening, it has happened for a long time. It's important people sell things, but we must know what we must buy," Ashwin said in reference to former England players criticising the pitch.

Whether it seams, or bounces or spins, tracks that produce results under three-days can never be called good advertisement for Test cricket. But India feel more often than not, it is those pitches that take turn that are being viewed with a magnifying lens. "I have said this in the past also. Everybody is entitled to their opinion and I am not here to say your opinion was wrong or right. But the fact remains that the talk around the surface... it's just getting out of hand *yaar*. Has there been any instance where the surface has been spoken about at any other place, any other country we have played games in?"

Vijayan-starrer 'Mmmmm' on Oscars shortlist

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

AWARDS are no stranger to IM Vijayan, whether it be in football or movies. Santham, the former India captain's debut movie back in 2001, won the national award for the best feature film. Now his latest is in the race for the Oscars, no less!

When the Academy of Motion Pictures announced the list of 366 movies that were eligible to compete for the Oscars, it also featured the Vijayan-starrer *Mmmmm* (the sound of pain).

"All this while, I was primarily known as a footballer and it's a huge part of everything that I am today because the sport gave me everything," Vijayan said. "But after this, I don't know if people would start thinking of me more as an actor first and footballer second. I have done a lot of films in the past but to star in a movie that has been short-listed for the Oscars is something that is very rare. It is massive. When I got the news, it felt amazing that such works are starting to be recognised and are finding its space."

Mmmmm also happens to be the first film to be made in the Kurumba tribal language which is one of the dialects spoken in the tribal belt of Attappadi in the Palakkad district of Kerala. The movie centres around a man belonging to the Kurumba tribe, who collects honey for a living, gradually coming to terms with the modernisation affecting his village and the environment.

Full story: [newindianexpress.com](https://www.newindianexpress.com)

Shikha, Taniya out of squad versus SA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE new Indian women's selection committee headed by Neetu David has announced the squad for the upcoming limited-overs series against South Africa. There are a lot of new faces in the contingent, with a few experienced players being ignored. The series, consisting of five ODIs and three T20Is, is due to begin on March 7 at Lucknow.

The notable exclusions are pacer Shikha Pandey, wicket-keeper-batter Taniya Bhatia and left-arm spinner Ekta Bisht. The 31-year-old Shikha was instrumental in India's runner-up finish at the T20 World Cup last year — which was also the women's last international assignment before the pandemic. Ekta, who has 96 wickets to her name in the ODIs, has been left out.

Wicketkeeper Sushma Verma is back in the squad after three years, replacing Taniya. While Swetha Verma is included in the ODIs, Nuzhat Parveen is the second choice keeper for T20Is. Pacer Mansi Joshi makes a comeback with Monica Patel and C Prathyusha earning maiden India call-ups for both formats. In T20Is, Simran Dil Bahadur has found a place.

Squads: ODIs: Mithali (C), Smriti, Jemimah, Punam, Priya, Yastika, Harmanpreet, Hemalatha, Deepthi, Sushma, Swetha, Radha, Rajeshwari, Jhulan, Mansi, Poonam, Monica Prathyusha. T20Is: Harmanpreet (C), Smriti, Shafali, Jemimah, Deepthi, Richa, Harleen, Sushma, Nuzhat, Ayushi, Arundhati, Radha Rajeshwari, Poonam, Mansi, Monica, Prathyusha, Simran.

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

WHEN the men's senior hockey team walks out to face Germany at Krefeld (a small city near Dusseldorf) on Sunday, it will end one of the longest inactive streaks the men's team will have faced: 372 days without playing a competitive fixture. Since playing that heart-stopping, nail-eating 2-2 (3-1 win via a shootout) against Australia on February 22 at Bhuaneswar, they, like most of the world, were condemned to live life in lockdown. Even as other professional sporting activities began, the men's hockey team was left to train on their own at the S A I campus in Bengaluru for the majority of the last year.

Now that they are finally out and ready to play again, their coach, Graham Reid, calls it 'magical'. In an interview, the Australian reflects on the year gone by, what they did in situ, the objectives of the Germany trip and preparation for the Olympics.



Excerpts:

■ What's it like being able to get out of Bengaluru and play again?

It's exactly right. The fact of being outside of where we have been in camp for a long time to come out to a different country and to a different sort of situation is magical. It does bring a spring in everyone's step. That freshness is something that was needed.

The feedback we will get from playing these matches will be invaluable.

■ What are you looking for from this tour?

It's difficult as you can imagine. We've been in Bengaluru training and having internal matches. What you lack when that's all you have had is competition feedback which is a valuable improvement loop that you don't get when you are playing internal matches. Our guys are excited about trying to apply some of the things we have been working tactically.

■ How important is

Rani & Co go down

DUSSELDORF: World No 3 Germany blanked the Indian women's hockey team 5-0 in their first game of the four-match tour on Saturday. Pia Maertens (10', 14'), Lena Michael (20'), Pauline Heinz (28') and Lisa Altenburg (41') found the back of the net for the hosts.

Bronze for Indian trio

CAIRO: The Indian trio of Mairaj Ahmed Khan, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa and Gurjoat Khangura won bronze in men's skeet team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup. The Indians beat the Kazakhstan's David Pochivalov, Eduard Yechshenko and Alexandr Mukhamediyev 6-2.



Pacer Jasprit Bumrah will miss the fourth and final Test against England, beginning in Ahmedabad on Thursday, as he was released from the Indian squad, owing to personal reasons. The BCCI said no addition to India's squad will be made for the final Test.

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Mumbai make it four out of four

AGENCIES @ Jaipur

SKIPPER Shreyas Iyer's fluent 116 and an impressive show by India speedster Shardul Thakur powered Mumbai to a 67-run win over Rajasthan in an Elite Group D game of the Vijay Hazare Trophy on Saturday. This was Mumbai's fourth successive win, having earlier defeated Delhi, Maharashtra and Puducherry.

Mumbai rode on Iyer's 103-ball knock to post a competitive 317/7. The right-handed batsman led from the front before his bowlers bundled out the opposition for 250 with Thakur (4/50) doing the bulk of the damage. In another match at Jaipur, Shikhar Dhawan notched up 153 to power Delhi to victory against Maharashtra in a high-scoring encounter. Chasing 329, the opener's knock helped the team cross the line with four balls to spare. Dhawan's knock consisted of 21 fours and one six. **Brief scores:** Elite Group D: In Jaipur: Mumbai 317/7 in 50 ovs (Iyer 116; Shubham 3/59) bt Rajasthan 250 in 42.2 ovs (Lomror 76; Thakur 4/50; Kulikami 3/26). Maharashtra 328/7 in 50 ovs (Kazi 91, Jadhav 86; Lalit 3/69) lost to Delhi 330/7 in 49.2 ovs (Dhawan 153; Badhnay 3/68).

Oly chief wants fans

TOKYO: The Tokyo Olympics should take place before a live audience, Japan's new Olympics chief said, despite concerns about hosting the Games during a global pandemic. Seiko Hashimoto told Japanese media the Games should have spectators just like other major sports.

Stones sends City 13 points clear

AFP @ London

Manchester City moved 13 points clear at the top of the Premier League as John Stones sealed a 2-1 win against West Ham that made it 20 successive victories in all competitions for the leaders. Pep Guardiola's side are closing in on their third Premier League in four seasons thanks to priceless contributions from their in-form centre-backs. Ruben Dias put City ahead with his first goal for the club. Michail Antonio equalised for West Ham just before half-time, but Stones bagged the winner.

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SANGAM-ERA SHRINE REPLETE WITH HISTORY

The Kallazhagar temple at the foot of the Azhagar hills, near Madurai, Tamil Nadu, has been in existence since the Sangam Age. *Silappadikaram*, one of the oldest literary works in Tamil, referred to the hills as Thirumal Iruncholai Malai and the temple as Thirumal Iruncholai. Initially built with bricks, the temple was later constructed using granite and expanded over the centuries by subsequent Pandya, Chola, and the Nayak rulers. Malayadhwaja Pandyan, one of the earliest known Pandya kings, was believed to have patronised the temple. He is even mentioned in the *Mahabharata*, as a king who took part in the Kurukshetra War alongside Pandavas



GOLDEN VIMANA

Jatavarman Sundara Pandyan, who reigned from 1251 CE to 1268 CE, beautified the vimana with gold plates. He also built the Andal shrine in the enclosure. The seal of the Pandya dynasty with two fishes and a sceptre in between were identified on the temple walls

Zero abhishekams are done for the main deity, as the idol is made of wood, bricks and quick lime, and not from stone

NOOPURAGANGAI

A perennial spring Noopuragangai, also known as Silambaru, originates from the top of the hill. Siddha practitioners prescribe the spring's cool waters to patients. A statue of Krishnadevaraya that marks his stay in the village was erected near the spring and exists even today

The fortress around the temple complex – Iranian Kottai – was built in the 15th by the Vanathirayar clan, who were staunch Vaishnavites

Thirumaal Irunjai was the ancient name of the temple, meaning the garden in which Lord Vishnu resides. The presiding deity Paramaswamy is also known as Koodal Azhagar. He wields five weapons (Sangu, Chakra, bow and arrow, Gada, and sword) and is accompanied by his consorts Sridevi and Boodevi

SNIPPETS

Historians say the deity was called Kallazhagar because he was worshipped by the Kallar caste in the locality

A special kind of dosa prepared from raw rice and black gram is served as an offering to the deity at the Azhagar temple

LOCAL LEGEND

Once 18 men tried to steal the golden Kallazhagar idol from the temple and, the story goes, demigod Karuppana Swamy protected the deity from theft. Hence, there is a Karuppana Swamy shrine with 18 steps at the eastern entrance. The 18 steps are considered to be sacred among the locals

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CIRCULAR GARBAGRIHA

Usually temples have either square or rectangular garbagrihas or sanctum sanctorum, but this temple has a circular garbagriha, similar to Buddhist chaityas



125 FEET

The five-storeyed gopuram at the entrance is 125 ft tall

CONFLUENCE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

108

The Azhagar temple is one of the 108 Divya Desams of Lord Vishnu. Alvars in the 7th and 8th centuries wrote verses on the deity of this temple, including Andal. The samadhi of Thiruvalluvar of Periyalwar, one of the Alvar saints and Andal's foster father, is near the temple complex

COMMUNAL HARMONY

Chittirai festivities of this temple were combined with Madurai Meenakshi Amman temple's in the 17th century for harmony between Shaivites & Vaishnavites

UNFINISHED GOPURAM:

Emperor Krishnadevaraya of Vijayanagara empire, known for his patronage to Vaishnava temples, begun constructing an enormous gopuram, but could not complete it

Historians have identified over 12 Brahmi inscriptions – the oldest form of Tamil script – in and around Azhagar hills. Remains of Jain settlements were also discovered in the locality. Pazhamudhircholai temple, one of the 6 padai vedus of Lord Muruga or Subrahmanya, earliest known gods in Tamil, was also built on this hill

German vax panel may do U-turn on Astra jab

MEDICINE

BERLIN: Germany's vaccine commission is considering reversing course and recommending AstraZeneca's Covid-19 jab for those over 65 after a study showed it to be effective among the elderly, its chairman has said.

"It is possible and we will do it," Thomas Mertens, who heads the commission known as STIKO, told public television ZDF Friday evening when asked if the British-Swedish firm's shot could be approved for all following the latest research.

The commission "will very soon publish a new updated recommendation", he said, adding he was awaiting details from the authors of the study that was carried out in Scotland.

A month ago, the commission said it was recommending the use of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine only for under-65-year-olds due to insufficient data on its effectiveness on older people.

The European Medicines Agency, the regulator for the EU, has recommended the AstraZeneca jab for adults of all ages.

After muddled communication about the efficacy of the British-made jabs hit demand, doctors and public health officials have pleaded with Germans to take up AstraZeneca vaccines.

AstraZeneca has been shown to be about 60% effective in trials, while studies point to around 95% efficacy for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

STANFORD STUDY SHINES LIGHT ON 'ZOOM FATIGUE'

New paper could be first to decode psychological burden of sitting in front of a camera for hours and watch faces

RESEARCH

SAN FRANCISCO: Endless video calls stress us out more than in-person meetings do, new peer-reviewed research from Stanford academics has found, confirming the real-life experiences of millions of people working from home.

It is the "non-verbal overload" of Zoom meetings that is causing greater stress, as per a study by Jeremy Bailenson, professor of communication and founding director of the Stanford Virtual Human Interaction Lab.

The study found that excessive

amounts of close-up eye contact is highly intense, seeing yourself during video chats constantly in real-time is fatiguing, video chats dramatically reduce our usual mobility and the cognitive load is much higher in video chats.

Just as "Googling" is something akin to any web search, the term "Zooming" has become ubiquitous.

"Videoconferencing is a good thing for remote communication, but just think about the medium - just because you can use video doesn't mean you have to," Bailenson said.

Both the amount of eye contact we engage in on video chats, as well as the size of faces on screens is unnatural, according to the study.

"Social anxiety of public speaking is one of the biggest phobias that exists in our population," Bailenson said. "When you're standing up there and everybody's staring at you, that's a stressful experience."

Another source of stress is that, depending on your monitor size and whether you're using an external monitor, faces on videoconferencing calls can appear too large for comfort.



A representational image of office workers in a Zoom meeting | AP

Until the platforms change their interface, Bailenson recommends taking Zoom out of

the full-screen option and reducing the size of the Zoom window relative to the monitor to minimise face size, and to use an external keyboard to allow an increase in the personal space bubble between oneself and the grid.

Bailenson also cited studies showing that when you see a reflection of yourself, you are more critical of yourself.

Many of us are now seeing ourselves on video chats for many hours every day.

Bailenson recommends that platforms change the default practice of beaming the video to

both self and others, when it only needs to be sent to others.

In the meantime, users should use the "hide self-view" button, which one can access by right-clicking their own photo, once they see their face is framed properly in the video.

Bailenson's paper is accompanied by a separate study that a "Zoom Exhaustion and Fatigue" scale on thousands of participants. Bailenson told *The Financial Times* that there was "strong theoretical reason to predict" women were more affected than men by seeing themselves on screen all day.



ON THE HEIGHTS

A man climbs a palm tree during sunset in Poranki village, near Vijayawada, on Saturday | PTI

Blood test predicts severe Covid outcome

SCIENCE

NEW YORK: Researchers have reported that a series of biomarkers, or biological signals, associated with white blood cell activation and obesity can predict severe outcomes in Covid-19 patients.

The findings in *Blood Advances* indicated that five proteins (resistin, lipocalin-2, HGF, IL-8, and G-CSF) that are associated with neutrophils, a type of white blood cell, were elevated in the Covid-19 patients who later became critically ill.

Many of these proteins had previously been associated with obesity but not with Covid-19 or other viral illnesses, the researchers said.

Until now, no lab marker could predict a patient becoming critically ill prior to showing symptoms.

CEREMONIAL VEHICLE

Almost intact Roman chariot unearthed

ARCHAEOLOGY

ROME: An ornate Roman chariot has been discovered "almost intact" near Italy's buried city of Pompeii, the archaeological park said on Saturday, calling it a discovery with "no parallel" in the country.

The four-wheeled processional carriage was found in the portico to stables where the remains of three horses were unearthed in 2018, including one still in its harness. Pompeii was buried in boiling lava when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD, killing between 2,000 and 15,000 people.

"A large ceremonial



A large Roman four-wheeled ceremonial chariot found in the ruins of ancient Pompeii | POMPEII ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

chariot with four wheels, along with its iron components, beautiful bronze and tin decorations, mineralised wood remains and imprints of organic materials

(from the ropes to the remains of floral decoration), has been discovered almost intact," a statement issued by the archaeological park said. "This is an exceptional discovery... which has no parallel in Italy thus far - in an excellent state of preservation."

The excavation site is known as the Civita Giuliana, a suburban villa that lies just a few hundred metres from the ancient city of Pompeii.

The excavation is part of a programme aimed at fighting illegal activity in the area, including tunnel digging to reach artefacts that can be sold on illicit

markets. Looters missed the room where the chariot had lain for almost 2,000 years, tunnelling by on both sides, the park's statement said.

Specialists took great care to unearth the vehicle, for example by pouring plaster into voids "to preserve the imprint of any organic material" that had decomposed, it added.

The park said this had allowed it to emerge well preserved down to the imprints of ropes, "thus revealing the chariot in all of its complexity". Pompeii's remarkably well-preserved remains have slowly been uncovered by specialists.

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